## STATE OF MAINE DISTRICT COURT

## STANDING ORDER ON ACCESS TO CHILD PROTECTION RECORDS BY THE MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

Effective January 14, 2025

Whereas, the Legislature established the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 25-A of the Maine Revised Statutes;

Whereas, the court may disclose confidential information to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services as necessary to carry out its functions pursuant to Title 4, section 1806, subsection 3 of the Maine Revised Statutes;

Whereas, pursuant to Title 22, section 4007, subsection 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, child protection proceedings and records are closed to the public, unless the court orders otherwise;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED:

Child protection records shall be disclosed to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services for the purpose of assigning, evaluating, or supervising counsel.

Dated: January 14, 2025

Brent Davis, Chief Judge Maine District Court

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