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Nov 18, 1994

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Cathy Day-Ross

This is Exhibit " X "
of the Affidavit
of Catherine L.E. Ross
sworn August 13th, 1996
A Commissioner, etc.

I have known the Day family for 23-24 years. Marguerite Day (Cathy's mother) and I met when we were both teachers at Manotick Public School under the Carleton Board of Education. The Day family and I lived a few streets apart in Manordale, a Nepean community for several years. We became close friends and have remained so over the years.

The primary friendship was between myself and Marguerite but very quickly included Cathy, whose conversation, interests, goals, sensitivities, etc., were surprisingly mature despite her youth. I have always considered myself fortunate to have these two close friends within the same household as well as on an individual basis when their residences changed.

Cathy's strong points are her energy, enthusiasm, honesty, loyalty and common sense. A trait which might be construed as a weakness (but is really a strength) is the fact that she is inclined to step back from confrontational situations in order to maintain an acceptable level of harmony in her relationships. Cathy will make tremendous efforts, sometimes sacrifices, to avoid hurting or humiliating others. The more important the relationship, the more emotional bruising she may be willing to accept. However, Cathy assimilates these rough personal times in a positive personal direction. She doesn't repeat mistakes and she does not hold grudges that would hurt herself or those she loves.

Cathy has always had a strong sense of the family as a cohesive unit. She is a sensitive, supportive and nurturing person as a mother, as a daughter, and as a friend.

I am aware of the pending Court case involving custody of Cathy's children and have been asked to write a character reference for Cathy. I am happy to do so and have absolutely no reluctance in recommending full custody to Cathy.

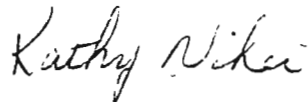
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Cathy is a loving, compassionate woman. I can easily recognize that her strong sense of responsibility towards her children and her effort to keep the family unit intact, may have contributed to avoidance in dealing with the problem of marriage breakdown .
The breakdown of the marriage between these two people is its own punishment.

The deterioration in the relationship between Cathy and her husband has been a stressful one, with both efforts and mistakes along the painful path. I would urge that this not be interpreted as an indication of poor parenting skills by Cathy. She should not be further punished by the removal of her children.

From my past association with Cathy, I know her to a be a stable, caring, courageous, responsible and determined woman. Taking Cathy's children from her would be the greatest and most unjustified loss of her life. Her children are her life.

I sincerely recommend a decision in favour of the mother, Cathy Day Ross. There would *never* be reason to regret such legal action.

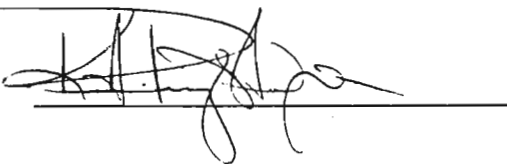


Kathy Nihei
Wild Bird Care Centre
(Founder-Director)

cc: C. Day-Ross

I, KATHY NIHEI, of the City of Nepean, in the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Careleton, hereby swear that the information contained in my letter of November 18, 1994 herein, is true and accurate.

SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 21st
day of November, 1994 at
the City of Ottawa in the
Regional Municipality of
Ottawa- Carleton



CATHERINE L. E. ROSS
Petitioner

- and -

WILLIAM THOMAS ROSS
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ONTARIO COURT (GENERAL DIVISION)

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