

IN DISTRICT COURT, \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF**

\_\_\_\_\_, **A MINOR CHILD**  
*(child's current first, middle (if any), and last legal name)*

**DECLARATION OF PETITIONER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ *(petitioner's first, middle (if any), and last legal name)*, the Petitioner, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge:

1. I am the Petitioner and my first, middle (if any), and last legal name is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. My relationship to the minor child is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The first, middle (if any), and last legal name of the minor child's other parent is \_\_\_\_\_ and their last reasonably ascertained post office address is: \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The other parent *(choose one)*  is a non-custodial parent **(OR)**  is not a non-custodial parent. *(Non-custodial means a parent with less than 50% of the residential responsibility.)*
5. The minor child *(choose one)*  is a United States citizen **(OR)**  is a permanent resident alien of the United States. *(The minor child must be either a citizen or a permanent resident alien of the United States.)*

6. The minor child's **current** full, legal name is:

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| <b>Current</b> First name              |  |
| <b>Current</b> Middle name(s) (if any) |  |
| <b>Current</b> Last name               |  |

7. The minor child was born in the year (*list birth year only*) \_\_\_\_\_ in (*if a U.S. citizen, list city and state; if a U.S. permanent resident alien, list city and country*)

\_\_\_\_\_.

8. The minor child currently resides with me at my home in \_\_\_\_\_ County, North Dakota, and the minor child has been a resident of this County for more than six months immediately preceding the date of the Petition for Name Change.

9. I petition for a name change for the minor child from (**current** legal name):

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| <b>Current</b> First name              |  |
| <b>Current</b> Middle name(s) (if any) |  |
| <b>Current</b> Last name               |  |

to (**requested** legal name):

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| <b>Requested</b> First name              |  |
| <b>Requested</b> Middle name(s) (if any) |  |
| <b>Requested</b> Last name               |  |

for the following reasons (*state reasons a name change is in the child's best interests;*

*Paragraph 9 continues on Page 3*):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

25 horizontal lines for writing.

Additional sheets attached for Paragraph 9.

10. **Notice** (choose the same checkbox as Paragraph 10 of your Petition; Paragraph 10 continues on Page 3):

The Notice of Petition for Name Change was published on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of newspaper), the official newspaper in \_\_\_\_\_ County, North Dakota, where the minor child resides. The affidavit of publication is filed with the court.

**AND** (choose the same checkbox as Paragraph 10 of your Petition. A non-custodial parent is a parent with less than 50% of the residential responsibility):

- The minor child **does not have** a non-custodial parent.
- The minor child **has** a non-custodial parent. A Notice of Petition for Name Change was published on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of newspaper), the official newspaper in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ (state), where the minor child's non-custodial parent resides. The affidavit of publication is filed with the court.

A copy of the Notice of Petition for Name Change was mailed to the non-custodial parent's last reasonably ascertained post-office address on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The notice was deposited in the post office in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), North Dakota. The declaration of service by mail is filed with the court.

**(OR)**

I am requesting the court waive publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change because (choose the same checkbox(es) as Paragraph 10 of your Petition):

- I am only requesting a change of the first and/or middle name of the minor child.
- I am a victim of domestic violence as defined in N.D.C.C. § 14-07.1-01 (Explain on the next page).



11. **Objections to Petition for Name Change** (*choose the same checkbox as Paragraph 11 of your Petition*):

No written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to me within thirty (30) days of publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change.

**(OR)**

Written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to me by the following people (*list objector's name and relationship to minor child*):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**(OR)**

I am requesting that the court waive publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change. Notice of the petition has not been published.

12. I am petitioning for the name change of my minor child in good faith. I am not requesting a name change for any fraudulent, illegal, or immoral purpose. The requested name change of my minor child will not cause injury to any individual or compromise public safety.

13. I declare, under penalty of perjury under the law of North Dakota, that everything I stated in this Declaration is true and correct.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_ (*date*) in \_\_\_\_\_ (*city*),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*county*), \_\_\_\_\_ (*state*), \_\_\_\_\_ (*country*).

\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner  
(*Petitioner's Signature*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*Printed Name of Petitioner*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*Address*) (City, State, Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*Telephone Number*) (Email Address)