**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE**

IN THE MATTER OF ) THE APPLICATION OF: )

)

) CASE NO.

) TO CHANGE HIS/HER NAME BY ) AND THROUGH HIS/HER NEXT ) FRIEND, . )

**PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

COMES NOW the Petitioner, , by and through his/her next friend, representing themselves, and alleges and states to the Court the

following, to wit:

1. That this Court has jurisdiction to hear and decide this matter according to the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Code of Laws, in that the Petitioner is an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

OR, *(Choose one of the following:)*

is a member of the Tribe;

is a non-Indian,

who voluntarily submits to the jurisdiction of the Court.

2. That Petitioner does not desire to change his/her name for any illegal or fraudulent purposes.

3. That the birth certificate number is , and is recorded at the Vital

Records Division of the State Department of Health, for the State of .

4. That Petitioner, by and through his/her next friend, desires to have his/her name changed

for the following reasons:

5. That Petitioner desires to have his/her name changed from

to that

of .

6. That the natural mother's full legal name is

and

that the natural father's

full legal name is

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner,

, by and through his/her

next friend, , prays that upon hearing this cause the Court will issue

its order granting that , born on the day of

 , 20 , that his/her name will be changed from

 to that of .

Petitioner

**VERIFICATION**

I, , petitioner herein, being duly sworn to tell the truth and being of lawful age above 18 years of age, hereby state that I have prepared and read the attached petitioner and verify that all of the factual allegations contained in the petition are in fact true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Petitioner

(Sign in front of Court Clerk or Notary)

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NEED TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY, COURT RULES AND ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL CODE OF LAWS.**

I, , petitioner herein, acknowledge that I am aware that an attorney should be consulted about procedure, legal rights, and advice in connection with this proceeding and my failure to hire an attorney to represent me in this case may result in the loss of or waiver of important legal rights that I may have. I understand that the Constitution of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and the provisions of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Code of Laws govern the procedures in the court and that I should review and consult the constitution and code of laws and become familiar with these provisions in order to properly handle my case.

Petitioner

(Sign in front of Court Clerk or Notary)

**CERTIFICATION**

I, , Clerk of the District Court, certify that the petitioner, , personally appeared

before me on , 20

, and being duly sworn, executed the above

verification and acknowledgment in my presence.

Dated this day of , 20 .

Court Clerk or Deputy Court Clerk