

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT PETITION
FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD OR CHILDREN

HEADING

- Enter the name of the County where you are filing the Petition.
- Enter the current first, middle, and last names of the minor child (ren).
- Enter your first, middle, and last names.
- The Clerk of the Tribal District Court will give you a case number when you file the Petition. You must include the case number on any papers you file.

BODY OF THE PETITION

Enter your full name in the first line in the body of the Petition. Enter the minor child (ren)'s **current** full name(s) in the second line. This paragraph does not have a number.

The numbers below give instructions for completing the numbered paragraphs with the same numbers in the Petition.

- Paragraph 1. Enter your complete address, including street address, city, county, and state of residence.
- Paragraph 2. Enter the minor child (ren)'s **current** full name(s).
- Paragraph 3. Enter the minor child (ren)'s complete address, including street address, city, county, and state of residence.
- Paragraph 4. Enter the minor child(ren)'s year(s) of birth.
- Paragraph 5. Enter how you are related to the minor child (ren) (mother or father).
- Paragraph 6. Enter the name of the county and state in which you and the minor child (ren) reside and in which the Petition is to be filed.
- Paragraph 7. Enter the minor child (ren)'s **current** first, middle, and last names, followed by the minor child (ren)'s preferred **new** first, middle, and last names.
- Paragraph 8. Enter the first, middle, and last names of the minor child (ren)'s other parent.
- Paragraph 9. Enter the reason(s) you wish to change the minor child (ren)'s name(s).

CLOSING PARAGRAPH

In the final paragraph enter the minor child (ren)'s **current** first, middle, and last names, followed by the minor child (ren)'s preferred **new** first, middle, and last names.

SIGNATURE

- On the first line print your first, middle, and last names.
- On the second line write your first, middle, and last names.
- On the third line enter your street address.
- On the fourth line enter the city, state, and ZIP code where you live.
- On the fifth line enter your telephone number including the area code.