

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
 )SS:  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

IN CIRCUIT COURT  
\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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In the Matter of the Petition regarding )  
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 ) CIV. \_\_\_\_\_  
 )  
(Birth Certificate Name), A Minor Child. )  
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For a Change of Name to )  
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 )  
(Proposed Name) )  
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**VERIFIED PETITION  
FOR NAME CHANGE OF A  
MINOR CHILD  
(UNCONTESTED)**

COMES NOW Petitioner and does hereby state, under oath, as follows:

1. My current full name is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The minor child's name, as it appears on their birth certificate, is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The minor child's date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ and the child's gender at birth was: male / female.
4. The minor child was born in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. My relationship to the minor child named above is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The full name of the minor child's other parent is \_\_\_\_\_  
and the last known address for this parent is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
7. I currently reside at \_\_\_\_\_ which is located in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County within the State of South Dakota.
8. I have been a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County since \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The minor child named above currently resides at \_\_\_\_\_ which is located in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County within the State of South Dakota and has resided there since \_\_\_\_\_.

10. (a) During the past five years the child has lived with the following individuals, during the dates indicated and in the designated areas:

Caretaker's Name	Dates	County/State
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(b) There has/has not (circle one) been prior court proceedings regarding the custody of the child. If so, that action took place in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ State in the year \_\_\_\_\_. If there has, please provide the most current order.

There is/is not (circle one) a current pending court proceeding regarding the custody or visitation of the child. If so, that action is in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ State and was commenced \_\_\_\_\_.

(c) Other than the parents of the minor child, no one has ever had legal custody of this child except \_\_\_\_\_ (if none, so state).

11. The full maiden name of the child's mother, as it appears on the child's birth certificate, is \_\_\_\_\_.

12. The full name of the child's father, as it appears on the child's birth certificate, is (if the father's name is not listed on the birth certificate, enter "N/A") \_\_\_\_\_.

13. The mother's date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ and she was born in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

14. The father's date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ and he was born in \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

15. I am requesting that the child's name be changed from \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ on the child's birth certificate  
because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

16. This Petition is made in good faith. I do not intend to defraud anyone, and it is not done for the  
purpose of hiding my child's identity from any person, creditor or governmental agency of any  
kind or as to avoid discovery by such person, creditor or governmental agency.

**WHEREFORE**, I pray that the court set this matter for hearing, and that upon  
such hearing, enter an order changing the name of the minor child from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA        )  
  : SS  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_        )

Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he or she verifies the facts expressed within the Verified Petition for Name Change of Minor Child are true.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public/Clerk of Court

(SEAL)

If Notary, my commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_