

**Note:** All records and papers in this case shall be withheld from inspection. No one other than Petitioner may have access to the records without order from the Court.

**Montana \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District Court**

*Number of the Judicial District where you are filing*

**\_\_\_\_\_ County**

*Name of the county where you are filing*

In the Matter of the Name Change of

\_\_\_\_\_ :

*Your name now*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Petitioner (your name now)*

Cause No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Changing  
Name (under  
Sealed Record)**

A Petition for Name Change was filed in this case. A hearing was held on  
(date:) \_\_\_\_\_. Based on the evidence, the Court finds:  
*mm/dd/yyyy*

**Findings of Fact**

**1 Petitioner's name**

The Petitioner's current name is *(your name now)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*First* *Middle* *Last*

\_\_\_\_\_

The Petitioner wishes to change names to *(the new name you want)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*First* *Middle* *Last*

\_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Petitioner's place of birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*County*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*State*

## 3 Petitioner's date of birth

Petitioner was born on (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_.  
*mm/dd/yyyy*

## 4 Purpose of name change

The name change is not to avoid debt, hide a criminal record, or for any other improper reason.

## 5 Safety risk

The Petitioner's safety is at risk.

## 6 Notice of hearing

Because the Petitioner's safety is at risk, the court waived publication or posting of notice.

## Conclusions of Law

- 1 The Petitioner's name change is allowed under Montana law. Montana Code Annotated 27-31-101 to 205.
- 2 Waiver of the hearing and sealing of the record in this case is allowed by Montana Code Annotated 27-31-201 (1) and (3).

## Order

This Court orders that:

### 1 Name Change

The Petitioner's name is changed from

(old name:) \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

to (new name:) \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

### 2 Sealed Record

All papers and records related to this case will be kept as a permanent record of this Court and withheld from inspection. No person, other than the Petitioner, may have access to the records except by order of this Court.

### 3 Changes to Birth Certificate

Choose one:

Montana Vital Statistics (MVS) will create a new birth record only showing the Petitioner's new name. MVS will put the old birth record in a sealed file which can only be opened by court order.

or

Petitioner was not born in Montana.

#### 4 New Documents

The Petitioner is entitled to the issuance of a new driver's license, new social security number, and any other government-issued documents without reference to his/her former name. All records held by any public agency or department related to this name change are to be kept confidential. These records must not be released to any one other than the Petitioner.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Court Judge