Montana Judicial District Court

County

Name of the county where you are filing

In the Matter of the Name Change of

Child's full name now

Petitioner (your name),

on behalf of

Minor Child (child's name now).

Cause No.: Dept. No.:

Order Changing Name (Child)

A Petition for Name Change was filed in this case. A hearing was held on

_____. Based on the evidence, the Court finds: (date):

mm/dd/yyyy

Findings of Fact

1 **Child's Name**

The minor child's current name is (*child's name now*)

First	Middle	Last

The Petitioner wishes to change the minor child's name to (*child's new name*)

First	Middle	Last
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2 Minor Child's Place of Birth

The child was born in

City

State

3 Minor Child's Date of Birth

The minor child was born on (date)

County

mm/dd/yyyy

4 Purpose of Name Change

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

5 Notice of Hearing (Check one)

- Both parents and all guardians have consented to the name change of the minor child in writing. Publication or posting of the hearing was not required.
- The Petitioner published notice of the hearing in a newspaper in this county. The notice was published for four weeks in a row.
- No newspaper is published in this county. The Petitioner posted notice of the hearing in three public places for four weeks in a row.

Conclusions of Law:

- The minor child's name change is allowed under Montana law. Montana Code Annotated 27-31-101 to 205.
- The Petitioner was not required to publish notice of this hearing. Montana Code Annotated 27-31-201(2).

Order:

This Court orders that:

1 Name Change

The minor child-s name is changed from

(old name:)			
First	Middle	Last	
to (new name:)			
First	Middle	Last	

2 Changes to Birth Certificate

Check one:

- Montana Vital Statistics (MVS) will change the child's birth record to show this name change. MVS will line through the old name, type the new name above the old name, and stamp "ALTERED" on the birth record.
- or

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

or

The child was not born in Montana.

DATE:_____

District Court Judge