

1 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

3 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner [ ] Pro Se

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5 **IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE**  
6 **FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION (ARIZONA)**

7 \_\_\_\_\_ )

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ )

8 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ )

**INITIAL PETITION TO ESTABLISH**

9 \_\_\_\_\_ )

[ ] Paternity

10 vs. \_\_\_\_\_ )

[ ] Child Support

[ ] Child Custody

[ ] Visitation

[ ] Other (specify)

11 Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ )

12 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ )

13 \_\_\_\_\_ )

14 1. The person who is filing this Petition is [ ] mother [ ] father

15 2. The Petitioner [ ] is/ [ ] is not an enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

16 If not enrolled, please specify tribe (or other) \_\_\_\_\_.

17 3. The Respondent [ ] is/ [ ] is not an enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

18 If not enrolled, please specify tribe (or other) \_\_\_\_\_.

19 4. The Petitioner and Respondent are:

20 [ ] Legally married or [ ] Not legally married.

21 5. The children are:

22 Child's Name Date of Birth Age Sex

23 \_\_\_\_\_

24 \_\_\_\_\_

25 \_\_\_\_\_

(See attached Birth Certificates as Exhibit(s) “\_\_\_\_\_.”)

6. The court has jurisdiction over the respondent because the Respondent:

[ ] Resides (lives) on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Reservation.

1 [ ] Enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.  
2 [ ] Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 3 7. Petitioner claims (check all that apply):  
4 [ ] Respondent is the child's mother,  
5 [ ] Respondent is the child's father,  
6 [ ] Paternity has already been established by Voluntary Declaration of Parentage or Birth  
7 Certificate (*attach copy*).  
8 [ ] Respondent who is the child's parent has failed to support the child.  
9 [ ] Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who should have **legal custody** of the following children?

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>	<u>FATHER</u>	<u>JOINT</u>
_____			
_____			
_____			
_____			

9. Who should have **physical custody** of the following children?

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>	<u>FATHER</u>	<u>JOINT</u>
_____			
_____			
_____			
_____			

10. Should the non-custodial parent have parenting time (visitation) rights with the children?

[ ] No. [ ] Yes, reasonable visitation.  
[ ] Yes, but only as follows (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(If you need more space, attach additional sheets of paper).

11. Should there be restrictions on parenting time (visitation)? Specify (*Use additional sheets of paper if needed*):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Does the **mother** need child support. [ ] YES [ ] NO.  
Mother's occupation is \_\_\_\_\_

1 Mother's place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

2 What is the mother's gross monthly income from all earnings? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 (Attach copy of your last 2 paycheck stubs/receipts and complete parents financial worksheet,  
4 which may be obtained from the Clerk)

5 If unemployed, is there other form of income? (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

6 Does the **father** need child support. [ ] YES [ ] NO.

7 Father's occupation is \_\_\_\_\_

8 Father's place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

9 What is the father's gross monthly income from all earnings? \_\_\_\_\_

10 (Attach copy of your last 2 paycheck stubs/receipts and complete parents financial worksheet,  
11 which may be obtained from the Clerk)

12 If unemployed, is there other form of income? (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

13 13. The mother or husband is an able bodied person and can pay child support in the  
14 amount of:

- 15 [ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per child, to be paid in full.
- 16 [ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week.
- 17 [ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per every two (2) weeks.
- 18 [ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.
- 19 [ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ taken out of Per Capita Distribution.
- 20 [ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_.

21 14. Should the children's names be changed? If yes, specify:

<u>Present Name</u>	<u>New Name</u>	<u>Why?</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

22 **THEREFORE**, the Petitioner respectfully request that:

23 A. The [ ] Petitioner [ ] Respondent be declared the natural father of:

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

24 B. The [ ] Petitioner [ ] Respondent be granted custody of the minor child(ren).

25 C. The [ ] Petitioner [ ] Respondent contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the support and  
maintenance of the child(ren).

1 D. The [ ] Petitioner [ ] Respondent be awarded parenting time (visitation) rights with the  
2 child(ren) as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 E. Order other relied not specified in this Petition that this Court deems fair and just under the  
6 circumstances.

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

8  
9 \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's signature

10 STATE OF ARIZONA )  
11 ) SS  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

12  
13 Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn upon oath states: I am the  
14 Petitioner in the above-entitled action and I have read the above Petition and know its  
15 contents and therefore attest that the information is correct and true to the best of my  
16 knowledge.

17  
18 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's signature

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20 SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

21 My Commission Expires:

22 By: \_\_\_\_\_

23 Notary Public or Court Clerk

24 **NOTE:** You must provide the court with the mailing address of the Respondent so that a copy of  
25 your Petition and a Civil Summons can be served on him/her. You must sign this  
Petition in the presence of a Notary Public or Court Clerk.