

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ON BEHALF OF:

\_\_\_\_\_

A MINOR

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**ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME - MINOR**

This cause having come before the Court upon the Petition filed herein, and the Petitioner, the minor's \_\_\_\_\_, having appeared in open court and indicating to the court that he/she is the father/mother, of the minor who is the subject of the Petition, and the Court having read the petition together with the Affidavit attached, and it appearing that:

The proper notice of the intended application for a Change of Name was given by publishing a notice thereof in the \_\_\_\_\_, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County wherein said Petitioner(s) resides, said publication having been made for 3 consecutive weeks after filing, the first insertion of which was at least 6 weeks before the scheduled court date.

Publication shall not be required because reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard has been given to any parent whose parental rights have not been previously terminated and to any person who has physical custody of the child. If any of these persons are outside this State, notice and opportunity to be heard has been given under 735 ILCS 5/21-104.

Said notice being signed by the Petitioner(s) setting forth the return date of this Court at which said petition was set for hearing, together with the name sought to be assumed; and the court having considered all relevant factors that may be applicable, including but not limited to:

- 1) The wishes of the child's parents and any person acting as a parent who has physical custody of the child.
- 2) The wishes of the child and the reasons for those wishes.
- 3) The interaction and the interrelationship of the child with his or her parents or persons acting as parents who have physical custody of the child, step-parents, siblings, step-siblings or any other person who may significantly affect the child's best interest; and
- 4) The child's adjustment to his or her home school and community.

The Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the change is necessary to serve the best interest of the child.

The Court further finds that all material facts alleged in the Petition are true; the Petitioner is a resident of the State of Illinois and has resided herein continuously for a period of at least six months prior to today's date; the conditions mentioned and specified in 735 ILCS 5/21-101 et. seq., as amended, have been complied with; this Court has jurisdiction of the persons and of the subject matter, and no reason appears why the prayer in the Petition contained should not be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petitioner's minor child's present name be changed from \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
by which he/she shall be hereafter known and called.

Attorney/Pro Se: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Atty. Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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