



Changing Your Name and Gender (for Adults)

Note: Use these instructions and forms to change your name and gender if you are an adult. The forms include language asking the court to not publish information about your name and gender change to protect your safety.

These instructions and forms may not be right for your case. They can't take the place of advice from a lawyer. Talk to a lawyer if you have **any** questions.

Do not change these forms. If you change the forms, you might lose language you need.

What Forms Will I Need to Change My Name and Gender?

If you are over 18, you will need to fill out and file the following forms to change your name under sealed record:

- Petition for Change of Name and Gender (Adult)
- Petitioner's Affidavit in Support of Petition for Change of Name and Gender
- Order Granting Petition for Change of Name and Gender
- Statement of Inability to Pay (only if you cannot afford filing fees)

The **Petition** asks the court to change your name and gender.

The **Affidavit in Support of Petition for Change of Name and Gender** is a sworn statement of facts that support why the judge should grant you a name and gender change.

The **Order Granting Petition for Change of Name and Gender** will be filled out by the judge. The Order will grant your name and gender change and will order changes to your birth records. The Order will tell you whether the judge is going to seal your record.

The **Affidavit of Inability to Pay** asks the court to waive filing fees in your case. If you can't afford to pay the filing fees, ask your Clerk of District Court for a Statement of Inability to Pay. This form may be called something else in your district.

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What Words Do I Need to Know?



Sealed Record: Sealed record means all court papers relating to your name and gender change will be kept from the public. The court will keep your papers in a file, but will not let anyone else see them. The court may allow your name and gender change to go forward under sealed record if your safety is at risk. These forms explain to the judge why publishing your gender change may “out” you and make you unsafe.

Petitioner: A Petitioner is someone who files an action in court. If you are asking the Court to change your name and gender, you are the Petitioner.

Who Can Use these Forms?

You can use these forms if you:

- Reside in Montana;
- Want to change your name and gender;
- Are over 18 years old;
- Are not changing your name in order to avoid debt, hide a criminal record, or for any other improper reason; **and**
- Making your name and gender change public would put your safety is at risk.

Note: These forms can only be used to change the name and gender of an adult. If you want to change the name of a child whose safety is at risk, please talk to a lawyer.

Talk to a lawyer if you have any questions.

What Do I Do with the Forms?

1 Fill out the Forms

- Fill out the blanks on the Petition for Change of Name and Gender. There are some blank lines that are optional if your situation is different than the choices given or if you would like to give the court more information.
- Sign and date your Petition for Change of Name and Gender.
- Fill out the blanks on the Affidavit in Support of Petition for Change of Name and Gender. There are some blank lines that are optional if your situation is different than the choices given or if you would like to give the court more information.
- Fill out the judicial district, county, and caption on the Order Granting Petition for Change of Name and Gender. Don't fill out the rest of the Order. The caption looks like this:

<p>Montana _____ Judicial District Court <i>Number of the judicial district where you are filing</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ County <i>Name of the county where you are filing</i></p>	
<p>In re the Name Change of</p> <p>_____:</p> <p><i>(Petitioner's name, First, Middle, Last)</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>(Petitioner's name, First, Middle, Last)</i></p>	<p>Cause No.: _____</p> <p>Dept No.: _____</p> <p><i>Filled out by Clerk of District Court</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Petition for Change of Name and Gender (Adult)</p>

2 Make Copies

- Make at least one copy of each form once you have filled them out.

3 File Forms at the Courthouse

- Go to the Clerk of District Court's office in your county courthouse. File the original Petition for Change of Name and Gender and Affidavit in Support of Petition.

- If you can't afford the filing fees, ask the Clerk of District Court for a Statement of Inability to Pay. This form may be called something different in your county.
- Give your copies to the Clerk of District Court and ask them to stamp them as "Filed." Keep the copies in a safe place.

4 Fill out Your Order for Change of Name and Gender

- We've included three (3) different orders in this packet.** The order that you fill out depends on where you were born. If you were born in Montana, please fill out the first order. If you were born in Texas, please fill out the second order. And, if you were born in another state that isn't Texas or Montana, fill out the last order included in the packet.
- Fill in all of the blanks that you can on the Order Granting Change of Name and Gender. If the judge gives you your name and gender change, they will sign the Order after your hearing. It is possible that a judge may give you your name and gender change without a hearing.
- Make one copy of your filled in Order for Name Change.

5 Go to Your Hearing

- Bring your stamped copies of the documents you filed with the court. Also bring your original and copy of your Order Granting Change of Name and Gender.
- Arrive at the courthouse at least 15 minutes before your scheduled hearing. Dress like you were going to an important job interview.
- Check with the Clerk of Court's office to find the right courtroom for your hearing. Go to that courtroom and wait for the judge to call your name and case number. Remember to address the judge as "Your Honor".
- Be ready to tell the judge why you want to change your name. Be ready to tell the judge why your safety is at risk and why your name change needs to be sealed.

- Important:** Immediately after your hearing, take your signed Order Granting Change of Name and Gender to the Clerk of District Court. You may want to ask the Clerk for several **certified copies** of the order. You will need the certified copies to get a new driver's license, birth certificate, and social security card.

Where Can I Get More Information?

- You can find the TransForm Name and Gender Change packet at: montanalawhelp.org/resource/transform-name-and-gender-change-faq-court-forms.
- The Montana Code Annotated (M.C.A.) contains the law on changing your name. The laws related to changing your name can be found in Title 27, Chapter 31. The M.C.A. can be found at your local library or on the Montana Judicial Branch's website at: courts.mt.gov/.
- The Administrative Rules of Montana (A.R.M.) contains the law on changing your gender at Title 37, Chapter 8, Part 311. An easier way to write this is ARM 37-8-311. You can find the Administrative Rules of Montana on the Secretary of State's website at: sosmt.gov/.



Where Can I Get Legal Help?

These organizations may be able to help you:

- Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)** gives free legal help to eligible clients. To find out if you qualify for MLSA, call the MLSA HelpLine at 1-800-666-6899 or apply online at: mtlsa.org.
- The State Bar Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS)** refers people to Montana lawyers who might be able to help. The referral is free. Call LRIS at 1-406-449-6577.
- The State Law Library** can help you find and use legal resources such as books, forms, and websites. You can visit the Law Library website at courts.mt.gov/Library. Or you can contact a Reference Librarian at 1-406-444-3636 or by email at lawlibcirc@mt.gov.

Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner/Plaintiff Respondent/Defendant

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY COURT OF _____, MONTANA

Petitioner / Plaintiff,

and

Respondent / Defendant.

Case No: _____
(leave blank, the clerk will write in)

Statement of Inability to Pay Court Costs and Fees

I have a good cause of action or defense but am unable to pay filing or other court fees. I request the court waive the costs and fees. I provide the following information.

My full legal name is: _____. I was born in this month _____ and this year _____.

I am represented by an entity that provides free legal services to low-income persons.

Or

I am represented by a volunteer/pro bono attorney, and am financially eligible for free legal services. (Attach a certificate of eligibility from legal aid organization to this form.)

Or

I receive one or more of these benefits: (Check the box for each benefit you receive.)

SNAP TANF SSI Medicaid WIC LIEAP

If you checked any one of the three boxes above, skip to the end of this form, and sign the declaration on page 3. You don't need to fill out the remainder of the form.

If you did not check a box above, you may still qualify for a fee waiver. Please continue to fill out pages 2 and 3 of this form so the court has the information it needs to decide if you qualify for the fee waiver.

I. INCOME (Complete this Section to the best of your ability.)

What do you do for work? _____

Who is your employer? _____

What is your household's annual income, before taxes? _____

How many people are in your household? ____ (The tables below will help you answer these questions, if you are not sure what to put in the blanks.)

If you are unemployed, when were you last employed (Month, Year)? _____

Your job? _____

Are you married? Yes No Separated Getting Divorced **NOTE:** If you are not married, if you and your spouse are separated, or if one of you is filing for dissolution of marriage, you do not need to provide your spouse's income below.

Fill in the chart below with the income received by you, and by your spouse, if applicable. Put a "0" in each blank if you or your spouse don't receive the income listed.

Income Sources	Amount YOU receive per month before taxes	Amount YOUR SPOUSE receives per month before taxes
Employment	\$	\$
Retirement/Pension	\$	\$
Workers' Compensation	\$	\$
Social Security	\$	\$
Unemployment	\$	\$
Government Benefits	\$	\$
Child Support Received	\$	\$
A person or agency pays my rent or other monthly expenses and the amount is: _____	\$	\$
Other Income—e.g., rental income, stocks, investments, etc.—describe: _____	\$	\$
Total here:	\$	\$

What is your household size? How many persons, if any, depend on you financially? If none, then write "N/A" below. Attach another page if needed and check here to tell the court you attached another page:

Dependents (Initials Only)	Age	Relationship to You
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

II. ASSETS (Complete this Section to the best of your ability.)

What property do you and your spouse own? Include your spouse's property if you are married and not separated and not filing for dissolution. Fill in the chart below, only listing items that you could sell for \$600 or more. If you don't own an item listed, write "N/A" in the "Value" column for that item. "Value" means the total amount the item(s) identified in a column would sell for, minus the amount you still owe on the item(s), if anything.

Asset	Value
Cash (This includes the money in your savings and checking accounts)	\$
Vehicle 1: provide year, make and model _____	\$
Vehicle 2: provide year, make and model _____	\$
Home where you live now	\$
Real estate or other homes/mobile homes (Not including the home you are living in now)	\$
Recreational vehicle(s) such as snowmobile, ATV, camper/RV, boat, motorcycle, etc.	\$
Guns or other collections	\$
Other Item(s) worth more than \$600—describe: _____	\$

III. DEBTS AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES (Complete this Section to the best of your ability.)

What bills do you and your spouse pay each month? Fill in the chart below.

Monthly Expenses	Value
Housing Expense: Mortgage or Rent	\$
General Household Expenses: Utilities, Phone/Internet/Cable, etc.	\$
Insurance Expenses, Healthcare Costs and/or Medical Debt(s)	\$
Childcare Expenses	\$

Other Extraordinary Expenses: e.g., Collection actions, Student Loans— describe:	\$
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IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (*This Section is optional.*)

If you have additional information that you want the court to consider about your inability to pay court costs, write that information under your signature below or attach an extra page. Check here if you attached another page:

V. DECLARATION (*This Section is Required.*)

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Date: _____ City: _____ State: _____

YOUR Signature: _____

Court Use Only

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____
COUNTY

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, STATE OF
MONTANA

IN THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY COURT OF _____, MONTANA

_____,
Petitioner / Plaintiff,

and

_____,
Respondent / Defendant.

Case No: _____
(leave blank, the clerk will write in)

Order Regarding Statement of Inability to Pay
Court Costs

**Warning! Read carefully the section checked below.
It is a court order.**

Waiver of court costs is **Granted**. Declarant shall proceed without payment of court fees or costs.

Temporary Waiver of court costs is **Granted**. Declarant may file without payment of court fees or costs, but the Court may determine at a later time that the declarant has the ability to pay all fees or costs and will require declarant to do so.

Temporary Waiver of fees is **Granted**. Declarant may file without payment of court fees or costs, but must appear before the Court at _____ a.m/p.m. on the _____ day of _____ and show cause why the declarant lacks the ability to pay all fees or costs.

Warning! If this third box is checked, you must come to court on the date ordered above. If you don't come, the judge will deny your request to waive court costs, and you will have to pay the court costs.

Waiver of Fees and costs is **Denied**. Waiver is denied based on the following:

Ordered this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Presiding Judge

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,** _____ **COUNTY**

In re the Change of Name of

:
(Petitioner's name First, Middle, Last)

(Petitioner's name First, Middle, Last) Petitioner

Case No: _____
(leave blank, the clerk will write in)

**Petition for Change of Name and
Gender (Adult)**

COMES NOW _____ (your name) and respectfully
Petitions this Court for an Order to change my legal name from
_____ (old name) to
_____ (new name) and
gender from _____ (gender assigned at birth) to _____ (gender identity) pursuant to *Mont.
Code Ann. §27-31-101 & Admin. R. Mont. §37-8-311*. Petitioner further requests that this
record be sealed and publication and notice provisions be waived. *Mont. Code Ann. §27-31-
201(2) & (3)*.

1. Residence

I reside at _____
Street Address

City, State, Zip code

2. Birth Registry

I was born in _____, _____, _____.
City County State

I was born the _____ day of _____, _____.
Day Month Year

I am _____ years old.

3. Close relatives (Choose One):

One or both of my parents are still alive

-OR-

Both of my parents are dead; my closest living relatives are:

Name: _____

Home: _____
Street Address

_____ City State

Name: _____

Home: _____
Street Address

_____ City State

4. Reason Change of Name (check all that apply)

My given name does not reflect my gender identity.

I have undergone gender transition or have an intersex condition and the name on my birth certificate should be changed accordingly.

I am not petitioning the Court to change my name to avoid a debt, hide a criminal record, or for any improper purpose.

5. Change of Gender (check all that apply)

The gender assigned at birth does not reflect my gender identity. I am petitioning the Court to order my gender as it appears on my birth certificate be changed from (male | female) to (male | female.)

I have undergone gender transition or have an intersex condition and that the gender listed on my birth certificate should be changed accordingly.

I am not petitioning the Court to change my gender to avoid a debt, hide a criminal record, or for any improper purpose.

6. Request for Waiver of Publication and Notice (Mont. Code Ann. §27-31-201)

I believe my safety would be at risk if publication were required and should be waived (Mont. Code Ann. §27-31-201(3)). Transgender people are at substantially more risk for poverty, health issues, stigma, discrimination, and violence than the general population. Publication would force me to “out” myself, publicly, to the entire community, depriving me of any control over who I wish to inform about my status, exposing me to these risks. It deprives me of choosing the manner and time of “coming out”.

- Publication would create a permanent public record of my private health information (that I am transgender or have an intersex condition, both formal, recognized medical diagnoses).
- Publication would subject me to bullying, ridicule, harassment, and possible discrimination now and possibly for the remainder of my life.
- This petition is not to hide a criminal record, avoid any debt, or for any improper purpose.
- _____

7. Prayer for Relief

- a. The Petitioner respectfully requests this Court issue an Order that:
 - i. changes my legal name as requested above;
 - ii. changes my legal gender as requested above;
 - iii. directs the Office of Vital Statistics to issue a new birth certificate, that will not show amendments, will not indicate its face that it was amended, and the old certificate be placed in a sealed file; and,
 - iv. any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Date: _____ City _____ State _____

Your Signature: _____

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner Respondent Co Petitioners

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

In re the Change of Name of:

_____,
(Petitioners old name: First, Middle, Last),

_____,
(Petitioner's old name First, Middle, Last)

Petitioner

Case No: _____
(leave blank, the clerk will write in)

**Petitioner's Affidavit
in Support of Petition for Change of
Name and Gender**

County of _____)
:ss.
STATE OF _____)

- 1) My name is _____.
- 2) I am the Petitioner.
- 3) I was born on _____ (date).
- 4) I was born in the State of _____.
- 5) I was born in the County of _____.
- 6) I was born in the City of _____.
- 7) I (have | have not) attached a copy of my birth certificate to this affidavit.

Name change

- 8) I was given the name _____ (old name) at birth.

- 9) I am requesting my name be changed to _____
(new name).
- 10) I am requesting publication and notice requirements be waived pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §27-31-201(2) & (3).
- 11) My safety would be at risk if publication were required. Transgender or intersex people are not generally accepted in our community, and forcing me to “out” myself by publishing or posting of notice would subject me to bullying, ridicule, harassment, physical and emotional abuse, and potential discrimination. These harms could extend throughout my life.
- 12) This change is not being requested to avoid a debt, to hide a criminal record, or for any improper purpose.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Date: _____ City _____ State _____

Your Signature: _____

Notary Signature

Printed Name

Notary Public for the State of _____

Residing at _____

My Commission Expires _____, 20_____

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

<p>In the Matter of the Name Change of _____, <i>(Petitioners old name: First, Middle, Last),</i></p> <p>_____, <i>(Petitioner's old name First, Middle, Last)</i> Petitioner</p>	<p>Cause No.: _____ Dept. No.: _____ <i>Filled out by Clerk of District Court</i></p> <p>Notice of Hearing on Change of Name and Gender</p>
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This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from

(your name now:) _____
First Middle Last

to *(name you want:)* _____
First Middle Last

and for a change of gender on their birth certificate from male female to male female.

The District Court Judge will hear the Petition for Change of Name and Gender on

_____ at _____ located in
(date) (time)

_____. Objections may be filed any time before the
(courthouse and room number)

hearing by any person who can show good reason not to change the name and gender.

DATED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Clerk of Court

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk of Court

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

<p>In re the Change of Name of:</p> <p>_____,</p> <p>(Petitioner's old name: First, Middle, Last),</p> <p>_____,</p> <p>(Petitioner's name First, Middle, Last) Petitioner</p>	<p>Case No: _____</p> <p>(leave blank, the clerk will write in)</p> <p>Order Granting Petition for Change of Name and Gender (Under Sealed Record)</p>
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This matter came before the Court on Petitioner's Petition. Having reviewed the Petition, accompanying affidavit, the record as a whole and considering the harm likely to accrue to Petitioner absent appropriate order of the Court, the Court makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. _____ (old name), is the Petitioner and the subject of this action.
2. Petitioner was born on the ____ (day) of _____ (month), ____ (year).
3. The Petitioner was born in the State of _____.
4. The Petitioner was born in the County of _____.
5. The Petitioner was born in the city of _____.
6. The Petitioner is transgender or intersex.
7. There is probable cause to believe the Petitioner's safety would be in jeopardy if publication and notice were required.
8. This matter is before the court as the changes requested are in keeping with the Standards of Care for transgender and intersex individuals; these matters are not before the Court in an attempt to hide a criminal record, to avoid a debt, or for any improper purpose.

Based on the foregoing, the Court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this cause of action and the Petitioner.
2. The Petitioner has a valid medical reason for the requested name and gender change, it is not for the purpose of hiding a criminal record, avoiding a debt, or for any improper purpose.
3. Publication should be waived because probable cause exists to believe that publication or notice would expose the Petitioner to unnecessary safety risks.
4. Publication and notice are not required.
5. This Court has authority to change the Petitioner’s name (Mont. Code Ann. Title 27, Chapter 31).
6. This Court has authority to recognize and order a change to gender listed on the Petitioner’s Montana birth certificate. Admin R. Mont. 37.8.311(5)(c).
7. The facts of this case are uncontested and stipulated. Hearing is not required. The matter is deemed submitted on the pleadings.

Based on the foregoing finding of fact and conclusions of law:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the file for this cause of action shall be **SEALED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED notice and publication requirements are **WAIVED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Petitioner’s name is changed from

_____ (old name) to

_____ (new name).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the gender designation of the Petitioner is changed from male

female (assigned at birth) to male female (gender identity).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Office of Vital Statistics shall issue a new certificate pursuant to the provisions of Admin. R. Mont. 37.8.311(6). The new certificate shall not show any amendments, will not show on its face that it was amended, and the old certificate will be placed in a sealed file.

DONE AND DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

In re the Change of Name of: _____, <i>(Petitioner's old name: First, Middle, Last),</i> _____, <i>(Petitioner's name First, Middle, Last) Petitioner</i>	Case No: _____ <i>(leave blank, the clerk will write in)</i> Order Granting Petition for Change of Name and Gender (under Sealed Record)
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This matter came before the Court on Petitioner’s Petition. Having reviewed the Petition, accompanying affidavit, the record as a whole and considering the harm likely to accrue to Petitioner absent appropriate order of the Court, the Court makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 9. _____ (*old name*), is the Petitioner and the subject of this action
- 10. Petitioner was born on the _____ (*day*) of _____ (*month*), _____ (*year*),
- 11. The Petitioner was born in the State of _____,
- 12. The Petitioner was born in the County of _____.
- 13. The Petitioner was born in the city of _____.
- 14. The Petitioner is transgender or intersex.
- 15. There is probable cause to believe the Petitioner’s safety would be in jeopardy if publication and notice were required.
- 16. This matter is before the court as the changes requested are in keeping with the Standards of Care for transgender and intersex individuals; these matters are not before

the Court in an attempt to hide a criminal record, to avoid a debt, or for any improper purpose.

Based on the foregoing, the Court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this cause of action and the Petitioner.
2. The Petitioner has a valid medical reason for the requested name, sex and gender change, it is not for the purpose of hiding a criminal record, avoiding a debt, or for any improper purpose.
3. Publication should be waived because probable cause exists to believe that publication or notice would expose the Petitioner to unnecessary safety risks.
4. Publication and notice are not required.
5. This Court has authority to change the Petitioner's name.
6. This Court has authority to recognize and order a change to sex listed of the Petitioner.
7. The facts of this case are uncontested and stipulated. Hearing is not required. The matter is deemed submitted on the pleadings.

Based on the forgoing finding of fact and conclusions of law:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the file for this cause of action shall be **SEALED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED notice and publication requirements are **WAIVED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Petitioner's name is changed from

_____ (old name) to

_____ (new name).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the sex designation of the Petitioner is changed from male

female (assigned at birth) to male female (gender identity).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the State of Texas should issue a new birth certificate for the Petitioner, incorporating the correct legal name and sex. The new certificate should not show any amendments, should not show on its face that it was amended, and the old certificate should be placed in a sealed file.

DONE AND DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

In re the Change of Name of: _____, <i>(Petitioner's old name: First, Middle, Last),</i> _____, <i>(Petitioner's name First, Middle, Last) Petitioner</i>	Case No: _____ <i>(leave blank, the clerk will write in)</i> Order Granting Petition for Change of Name and Gender (under Sealed Record)
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This matter came before the Court on Petitioner's Petition. Having reviewed the Petition, accompanying affidavit, the record as a whole and considering the harm likely to accrue to Petitioner absent appropriate order of the Court, the Court makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 8. _____ (*old name*), is the Petitioner and the subject of this action
- 9. Petitioner was born on the ____ (*day*) of _____ (*month*), _____ (*year*),
- 10. The Petitioner was born in the State of _____,
- 11. The Petitioner was born in the County of _____.
- 12. The Petitioner was born in the city of _____.
- 13. The Petitioner is transgender or intersex.
- 14. There is probable cause to believe the Petitioner's safety would be in jeopardy if publication and notice were required.
- 15. This matter is before the court as the changes requested are in keeping with the Standards of Care for transgender and intersex individuals; these matters are not before

the Court in an attempt to hide a criminal record, to avoid a debt, or for any improper purpose.

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3. Publication should be waived because probable cause exists to believe that publication or notice would expose the Petitioner to unnecessary safety risks.
4. Publication and notice are not required.
5. This Court has authority to change the Petitioner's name.
6. This Court has authority to recognize and order a change to gender listed on the Petitioner's birth certificate.
7. The facts of this case are uncontested and stipulated. Hearing is not required. The matter is deemed submitted on the pleadings.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED notice and publication requirements are **WAIVED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Petitioner's name is changed from

_____ (old name) to

_____ (new name).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the gender designation of the Petitioner is changed from male
female (*assigned at birth*) to male female (*gender identity*).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the State of _____ should issue a new birth certificate for the Petitioner. The new certificate should not show any amendments, should not show on its face that it was amended, and the old certificate should be placed in a sealed file.

DONE AND DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE