

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ARKANSAS
_____ DIVISION

_____,
As guardian and next friend of
_____, a minor

PETITIONER

CASE NO. _____

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

COMES NOW the Petitioner, _____, as guardian and next friend
of _____, a minor, who in support of his/her Petition for Name Change, states
the following:

1. _____, is under the age of eighteen (18) years, and resides in
_____ County, Arkansas.
2. Petitioner is the minor's _____ and legal guardian of him/her.
3. The minor's name is currently _____.
4. The minor's name should be changed to _____ because
_____.
5. The whereabouts of the minor's _____ are unknown. Thus, it has not been
possible to obtain consent.
6. The Petitioner does not seek the name change for fraudulent purposes.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court enter an order changing the minor's name
to _____ and further order the Arkansas Department of Health to issue a new
birth certificate for the minor, with the birth name changed from _____
to _____, and for all other just and proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

_____,
as Guardian and Next Friend of

Signature

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME

On this date, comes before the Court the Petition for Change of Name presented by _____, as guardian and next friend of the minor, _____.

The Petitioner appearing, *pro se*. No other parties appearing in this action. From the petition filed herein and other proof before it, being well and sufficiently advised in the premises, the Court, FINDS and ORDERS:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, and venue is proper
2. The consent of the minor's _____ is unobtainable because the location of the minor's _____ is unknown.
3. The Petitioner has shown reasonable cause for changing the minor child's name from _____ to _____.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of the minor child be changed from _____ to _____ and that the child shall hereinafter be known as _____.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that he/she shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, by the name _____.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Arkansas Department of Health Division of Vital Records issue a new birth certificate showing the child's name as _____.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

Date: _____