**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY**

**THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (current/ given name), PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PETITION FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

 COMES NOW, PETITIONER, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(current/ given name), files this civil action for legal name change. Petitioner would show as follows:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the party and subject matter of this case.

2. The Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(current/ given name), is an adult resident citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, Mississippi. The Petitioner resides at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(street address), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(city), MS \_\_\_\_\_(zip) and has lived at this address since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, year).

3. Birth Date and Place: Petitioner was born on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, year) to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Father’s name) and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Mother’s name) in  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (city),  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (county), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (state). A certified copy of the petitioner's birth certificate is attached to this petition.

4. Birth Name:  Petitioner was named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at birth, and as of the date of this petition, the Petitioner has always been known by that name, with the following exceptions, if any:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (list all legal names previously held)

5. Reason for Name Change:  Petitioner seeks to change his or her name to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Petitioner states his or her ground for change of name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Example: This is the name I am known by).

6. Legal and Creditor Status:  Petitioner states that he or she has no felony convictions, that this change is not for any unlawful purpose, nor to defraud any person or any legal entity. Petitioner has never filed bankruptcy, and there are no claims, demands, liabilities or obligations of any kind that would be adversely affected by this Petition. No Creditors of Petitioner would be adversely affected by granting this Petition.

7. The Petitioner further declares that he or she is unaware of any person or entity who would have a reasonable objection to the name change. Petitioner declares that his or her request to alter his or her name is consistent with the public interest.

8. It is in the best interest of the Petitioner and in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 93-17-1 that this Petition be granted.

 WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(current/given name), requests that this Petition be received and filed, and upon hearing the Court will enter an order changing the Petitioner’s name to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (new name), and for general relief.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Petitioner

Proceeding Pro Se

**Affidavit**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(current/given name), affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the Petitioner in the foregoing Petition to Change Name of Adult and that all statements in this Petition are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner's Address, Line 1

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Petitioner's Address, Line 2

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (current/given name), who after being by me first duly sworn, states on oath that the matters, things and facts alleged, set forth and contained in the above and foregoing Petition for Legal Name Change are true and correct, as therein stated.

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 PETITIONER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY**

**THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CIVIL ACTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(current/given name)

**FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

**ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**THIS CAUSE**, came on for hearing on the Petition to Change Name and this Court finding that it has jurisdiction over the Parties and subject matter, having considered the Petition, and being advised in the premises, finds, orders, and adjudges the following:

1. Petitioner is an adult resident of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_County, Mississippi, whose current domicile and permanent residence is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (city), Mississippi.
2. Petitioner was born on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, year) to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Father’s name) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Mother’s name) in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (city, state).
3. Petitioner desires to change his or her name of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (current/given name) to reflect the name of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (new name).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that the Petitioner’s name be changed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (new name).

 **SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED**, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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 CHANCELLOR