

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE INTEREST OF _____, A CHILD

_____)	
RESPONDENT)	TRIBAL PLACEMENT
)	PREFERENCES
VS.)	FILE NO. _____
)	
_____)	
PETITIONER)	

WHEREAS, the {name of tribe} TRIBE is a federally recognized Indian tribe eligible for the services provided to Indians by the Secretary of the Interior because of the Tribe's status; and,

WHEREAS, the minor child {child's name} is a member or eligible for membership in the {name of Tribe} Tribe and is the natural child of a member of the said TRIBE; and,

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act imposes specific and stringent minimum federal standards applicable to state court child custody proceedings; and

WHEREAS, when an Indian child must be removed from his or her home, the Act imposes placement preferences that must be complied with; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act authorizes the Tribe to alter placement preferences mandated by the Act and to designate and approve certain placements; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act, section 1915, subdivision (c), desires, by resolution, to establish the placement preference for {name of child}, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that under the authority of the Indian Child Welfare Act, section 1915, subdivision (c), the {name of Tribe} TRIBE hereby establishes that the first order of placement preference of {name of child} should be with _____, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the {name of Tribe} TRIBE hereby approves the home of _____ and designates the home as a placement that meets the Tribe's prevailing social and cultural standards and protects the best interests of this Indian child.

Name-Signature

Tribal Name

Tribal Address Street

City State Zip Code