



NORTHERN CHEYENNE COURT
25 N. CHEYENNE AVE
P.O. BOX 1199
LAME DEER, MONTANA 59043
406-477-8340 (P) 406-477-6111 (F)

PETITION FOR ADOPTION

Purpose: This petition allows the Petitioner(s) to request the Court's consideration regarding the adoption of a particular child(ren).

How: This petition must be completed by the Petitioner(s) and filed with the court. In addition, this petition must be verified and signed before a Clerk of this Court or a Notary Public.

Copies: The Original Petition must be submitted to the court. A Colored Copy of the following documents must accompany this petition:

1. Child(ren) Certified Copy of Birth Certificate
2. Child(ren) Certificate of Indian Blood
3. Proof of a Court Order Terminating the parent-child relationship with respect to each living parent of the child (REQUIRED)
4. Copies of Orders, Guardianships, etc.
5. Petitioner(s) Proof of Marital Status, if applicable
6. Petitioner(s) Certificate of Indian Blood, if applicable
 - a. If the Petitioner(s) do not have a Certificate of Indian Blood, a Tribal Council Resolution authorizing the Petition for Adoption to Proceed must accompany this filing, in accordance with Northern Cheyenne Ordinance No. 6(96).

Filing Fee \$100.00 Money Order or Cashier's Check payable to the Northern Cheyenne Court.

These requirements are in accordance with VIII, Ch. 3, 8.3.1 - 8.3.6 of the Northern Cheyenne Juvenile Code of the Northern Cheyenne Law and Order Code.


Chief Judge Curtis Elksholder, Jr

- d. Tribal Enrollment No.: _____.
- e. Occupation: _____.
- f. Address: _____.
- City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____.
- g. Length of domicile on the Reservation: _____.

PETITIONER(S),

_____ and _____ were married at
_____ (place of marriage), on _____ (date of marriage), and this
marriage is registered at _____ (county) _____ (state).

PETITIONER(S) are not married, Y/N: _____.

PETITIONER(S) are married since _____, as common law.

3. That the child(ren)'s mother is: _____,

Whose address is the following: _____

That the child(ren)'s father is: _____,

Whose address is the following: _____

4. That the petitioner(s) relationship to the child(ren) is: _____.

5. That the child(ren)'s age(s) is/are: _____, _____, and whose
current and correct address is: _____.

6. That the names and addresses of the following relatives of the child(ren) is/are:

a. Maternal grandparents: _____

Address: _____

Paternal grandparents: _____

Address: _____

b. Maternal aunts & uncles: _____

Address: _____

c. Paternal aunts & uncles: _____

Address: _____

7. That the mother has or has not consented in writing to the adoption; if not, the mother's consent should be terminated with because: _____
_____.

8. That the parental rights of the mother were [] voluntarily [] involuntarily terminated on _____, see attached order.

9. That the father has or has not consented in writing to the adoption; if not, the father's consent should be terminated with because: _____
_____.

10. That the parental rights of the father were [] voluntarily [] involuntarily terminated on _____, see attached order.

11. That the child(ren) has an interest in the following real or personal property, of stated value: _____.

12. That the name used for the child(ren) in this proceeding is _____,
and petitioner(s) request that said name be changed to: _____.

13. As further information for the court, petitioner(s) state: _____

_____.

14. That it is the desire of the petitioner(s) that the relationship of parent and child be established between petitioner(s) and said child. That they shall have all the rights subject to all the duties of that relationship, including rights of support protection and inheritance and that the natural parents of said child shall be relieved of all parental responsibilities for said child and shall have no right over said child or his/her property by decent or distribution.

15. **Ordinance No. 6 (96)** – suspends the authority to proceed with adoptions of Cheyenne children to Non-Indian homes on the reservation and to Non-Indian parents off of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation under Title III, Juvenile Code, revised Law and Order Code of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, without the consent of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council.

THEREFORE, THE PETITIONER(S) ASKS:

1. THAT THE COURT DECREE THAT SAID CHILD IS ADOPTED BY PETITIONER(S) AS HIS/HER/THEIR CHILD.
2. THAT THE COURT CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHILD TO:

_____.

PETITIONER(S) SIGNATURE

() _____ - _____
PHONE #

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

N.C. COURT CLERK or NOTARY PUBLIC

WHAT TO SEND THE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS IN CASE OF ADOPTION

1. A certified Decree of Adoption.
2. A certified Certificate of Adoption.
3. The \$25.00 processing fee, which includes 1 certified copy of the new birth record. If additional copies are desired at this time, they are \$5.00 each.
4. A copy of your picture ID.

Please send the required documents to:

Montana Vital Records
PO Box 4210
Helena MT 59644
(406) 444-4226