

**NATIVE VILLAGE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
TRIBAL COURT**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CASE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth:**

**FINAL CUSTODY ORDER**

**I. JURISDICTION**

The tribal court has jurisdiction over this custody case because the child is a member of the Tribe or is eligible for membership in the Tribe. The parent who filed for custody is the:

- Mother  Father  
 Other relative: \_\_\_\_\_

The mother of the child is [check one]:

- A member of the Tribe  
 A member of another Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ and has consented to the jurisdiction of this Tribal court by doing the following: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Not a Tribal member but has consented to the jurisdiction of this Tribal court by doing the following: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The father of the child is [check one]:

- A member of the Tribe  
 A member of another Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ and has consented to the jurisdiction of this Tribal court by doing the following: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Not a Tribal member but has consented to the jurisdiction of this Tribal court by doing the following: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The tribal court may exercise jurisdiction under the following:

Code Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal law and custom, as described at the hearing which took place on [date]:

\_\_\_\_\_

**II. NOTICE**

The tribal court provided notice of the custody proceedings to the mother as follows:

Personal service [date, who served]: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail [date and method of mailing]: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The tribal court provided notice of the custody proceedings to the father as follows:

Personal service [date, who served]: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail [date and method of mailing]: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The tribal court held a custody hearing on [date] \_\_\_\_\_ and the following people attended:

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

### **III. DECISION & ORDER**

1. [Describe whether the parents will share custody 50/50 or whether custody will be split differently. Explain the reasons why this decision is best for the child.]

2. [Describe whether both parents or only one parent will have “legal custody,” i.e. the power to make medical, educational, religious, and other decisions for the child, and the reasons why the decision is best for the child.]

3. [Describe which family members have visitation rights, how often the visitation should be, and the reasons why that visitation is best for the child.]

4. [If the tribal court wants to address child support, describe what responsibility the parent without primary custody has to support the child – either a specific monthly amount in cash or providing food or services – and the reasons why this decision is best for the child.]

5. [List any other orders of the court, such as how the parents should communicate with each other, treating the other parent with respect, etc.]

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Date

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Tribal Court Judge