

**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.]

Date

Tribal Court Judge