

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT _____

In the Interest of)	
)	Juvenile Action No. _____
_____)	
D.O.B. _____)	PETITION TO TRANSFER
)	JURISDICTION TO THE _____
)	TRIBAL COURT UNDER
A Minor Native Child)	25 U.S.C. § 1911(b)
_____)	

The _____ Tribe, through its undersigned representative _____, petitions this court to transfer the child custody proceedings relating to the above-named Native child to the _____ Tribal Court. Submitted herewith is the Order accepting jurisdiction, entered in the _____ Tribal Court on _____, 20__ and the Affidavit of _____, _____ Tribal Attorney dated _____. This Petition is made pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1911(b) of the Indian Child Welfare Act and is based on the following:

1. The above minor child was placed in the temporary legal and physical custody of the State of _____ Office of Children’s Services through a child custody proceeding on _____, 20__.

2. This child, _____ is a member of the _____ Tribe and these proceedings are therefore subject to the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1903 et. seq. _____

 _____.

3. The _____ Tribe is a Native Tribe as defined by the Indian Child Welfare Act. 25 U.S.C. § 1903(3) and 1903(8).

4. The _____ Tribe has a Tribal Court with jurisdiction over child custody proceedings, and the Tribal Court has accepted jurisdiction of this matter by Order dated _____, attached hereto.

5. The _____ Tribe is prepared to provide for the physical and emotional health and development of the minor child.

6. The minor child's mother/father/guardian, _____, has asked the _____ Tribe to assume jurisdiction over this custody proceeding.

Based on the foregoing, the _____ Tribe, respectfully petitions this court to transfer jurisdiction on these child custody proceedings without delay.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this ____ day of _____, 2____

Signed: _____

For the _____ Tribe

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____