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**Appearing Pro Se**

**IN THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL COURT**

**FOR THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION**

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**Petitioner, ) PETITION FOR CUSTODY**

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**Respondent. )**

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COMES NOW the Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, appearing Pro Se and alleges the following:

1. The **Petitioner**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter “Petitioner”), resides in Browning, MT, which is within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation. The Petitioner is (employed/unemployed) at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Petitioner is (an enrolled/descendent) member of the Blackfeet Tribe.
2. The **Respondent**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter “Respondent”), resides in Browning, MT. The Respondent is (employed or unemployed) at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Respondent is (an enrolled/descendent) member of the Blackfeet Tribe.
3. Petitioner has physical custody of minor child (ren): (please list names and birthdates of children):

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Petitioner has been providing for the child(ren) since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Minor child(ren) is (an enrolled/descendent) member of the Blackfeet Tribe.

1. Petitioner (is/is not) requesting child support from Respondent. Child Support shall be determined in accordance with Blackfeet Tribal Ordinance #108 and Blackfeet Child Support Enforcement Office’s guidelines.
2. The minor child(ren) is currently covered by Healthy Montana Kids Medicaid and are also eligible for Indian Health Service at the Blackfeet Community Hospital. The parties will each cover half of unexpected, uncovered medical expenses.

**WHEREFORE**, the Petitioner prays:

1. That Petitioner be given custody of the minor child(ren);
2. That the Court (does/does not) determine an amount for Child Support at this time.
3. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

DATED this ­­­\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Petitioner

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF MONTANA )

 ss:

Glacier County )

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:

 I am the Petitioner in the above parenting proceeding for custody; I have read the foregoing Petition and know the contents thereof; and the matters, facts, and things stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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 Petitioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

(Seal) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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