

**In the Court of the  
Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Community**

**Prairie Island Indian Reservation**

**State of Minnesota**

Failure to provide the Petitioner 's and Respondent's  
complete information WILL delay the filing of this petition.

**The Filing Fee is \$365**

**In Re the Marriage of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name, the Petitioner (first, middle, last)

Court File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

and

**Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Respondent (spouse) (first, middle, last)

**1. Information about YOU, the Petitioner**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First
Middle
Last

Address where YOU, live: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address
Apt. No

\_\_\_\_\_  
City
County
State
Zip Code

Phone Number and **E-mail** Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address:  Same as above address **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address
Apt. No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City
County
State
Zip Code

Phone Number and **E-mail** Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month
Day
Year

List all of YOUR former or other names, or write "None":

\_\_\_\_\_  
First
Middle
Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
First
Middle
Last

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**2. Information about Respondent (spouse)**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address where Respondent lives: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apt. No.

\_\_\_\_\_

City County State Zip Code

Phone Number and E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address:  Same as above address **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address Apt. No.

\_\_\_\_\_

City County State Zip Code

Phone Number and E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's (spouse's) address is unknown to YOU, the Petitioner.

Respondent's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

List all of Respondent's former or other names or write "None":

\_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

\_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

**3. Our Marriage**

YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) were married on: (month, day, and year) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_, Country of \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Jurisdiction**

This Court has jurisdiction over this matter because (check all that apply)  
 YOU, the Petitioner, are a member of the Prairie Island Indian Community.  
 Respondent (spouse) is a member of the Prairie Island Indian Community.

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\_\_\_ Children of this marriage are members of the Prairie Island Indian Community.  
\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Grounds for Divorce**

YOU, the Petitioner, state there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage relationship and that there is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation.

YES     NO

**6. Court Proceedings**

Has a separate court case for marriage dissolution, legal separation, or annulment already been started by YOU, the Petitioner, or Respondent (spouse) in Minnesota or elsewhere?

YES     NO    If YES, the type of court case is: \_\_\_\_\_  
and it was started in \_\_\_\_\_ County in the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
and the Court file number is \_\_\_\_\_, and  
the status of the case is:  Open     Closed     I do not know

**7. Physical Living Situation**

Do YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) live together at this time?

YES     NO

If **NO**, the date we separated was: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month                      Day                      Year

If **YES**, YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) are living together because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**8. Protection or Harassment Order**

Is an Order for Protection or a Harassment/Restraining Order in effect regarding YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse)?     YES     NO

**If YES:** The *Order* protects:

YOU, the Petitioner,  
 Respondent (spouse) and the Order was filed in \_\_\_\_\_  
County in \_\_\_\_\_ State on \_\_\_\_\_ date, and the  
Court file number is \_\_\_\_\_.

**A copy of the Order must be submitted with this Petition.**

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**9. Children and Child Support**

*“Minor” children are under age 18, or under age 20 but still in high school.*

a. Do YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) have minor children together?  
 YES     NO

b. Do YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) have any adult dependent children who are not able to support themselves because of a physical or mental condition?  
 YES     NO

(If you answered YES, you may ask the court to make an order regarding support for the adult dependent.)

c. Have either YOU, the Petitioner, or Respondent (spouse) given birth during the marriage to a child who is not a child of the other spouse?  
 YES     NO

i. Fill in the information for all children born during the marriage who are the biological children of both spouses.

Full Name of Child	Date of Birth	Age	

ii. Fill in the information for all children born during the marriage who are NOT the biological children of both spouses.

Full Name of Child	Date of Birth	Age	

iii. Is there a court order naming someone other than the spouse as the father of the child(ren) listed in (i)?  YES     NO    If YES, fill in:

Full Name of Child	Date of Court Order	County/State of Order	Court Case No.

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**Children, *continued*:**

iv. Has the spouse and/or biological Father signed a Minnesota Recognition of Parentage (ROP) for any of the children listed in (i) above?  YES  NO  
If **YES**, state the full name of the child: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and submit with the Petition a **certified copy of the Recognition of Parentage.**

Has a "Husband's Non-Paternity Statement" for any of the children listed at (i) above been signed?  YES  NO

If **YES**, state the name of the child: \_\_\_\_\_ and submit with the Petition a **certified copy of the "Husband's Non-Paternity Statement."**

d. Is either spouse pregnant?  YES  NO  UNKNOWN

**10. YOUR, the Petitioner's Employment**

- a. Are YOU, the Petitioner, employed?  YES  NO  
b. Are YOU, the Petitioner, Self-Employed?  YES  NO

Name and address of YOUR, employer. (If YOU, the Petitioner, have more than one job, list the Name and Address of each employer.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of YOUR, the Petitioner's Employer (If Self-Employed, list name and business address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

**11. Spousal Maintenance**

Spousal Maintenance is money paid by one spouse to the other for living expenses.

**Check only one box:**

YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) can each pay your/their own living expenses and do not need spousal maintenance at this time, or in the future.

**OR**

YOU, the Petitioner, or Respondent (spouse) may need spousal maintenance in the future. The court should reserve maintenance to allow either party to ask for spousal maintenance in the future because:

(Explain why you want to do this) \_\_\_\_\_

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**OR**

YOU, the Petitioner, need spousal maintenance from Respondent (spouse) now. YOU, the Petitioner, are \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) have been married for \_\_\_\_\_ years. YOU, the Petitioner, have the following education: \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ gross monthly income (income BEFORE TAXES totals \$\_\_\_\_\_. YOU, the Petitioner, have monthly expenses which total \$\_\_\_\_\_ and YOU are not able to maintain the standard of living established during the marriage because: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent (spouse) has the ability to pay YOU, the Petitioner \$\_\_\_\_\_per month for spousal maintenance.

**OR**

Respondent (spouse) needs spousal maintenance from YOU, the Petitioner, now. Respondent is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, YOU and Respondent (spouse) have been married for \_\_\_\_\_ years. Respondent (spouse) has the following education: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's gross monthly income totals \$\_\_\_\_\_. Respondent's monthly expenses total \$\_\_\_\_\_, and Respondent is not able to maintain the standard of living established during the marriage because: \_\_\_\_\_

YOU, the Petitioner, have the ability to pay Respondent \$\_\_\_\_\_per month for spousal maintenance.

**12. Vehicles**

Vehicles are cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles, personal watercraft, all terrain vehicles etc. owned by YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) together or separately, including vehicles purchased after separation:

Does YOU, the Petitioner, own a vehicle?  YES  NO  
Does Respondent (spouse) own a vehicle?  YES  NO  UNKNOWN

List all vehicles owned by YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) together or separately: (use additional pages if needed)

Type of Vehicle (car, boat, truck etc.)	Year/Make/Model	Name(s) on Title	Value	Balance Owed	Monthly Payment
			\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$

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**13. Marital Property**

Marital property means almost anything that you or your spouse now own that was received or bought during the marriage, even during the times you were separated. Marital Property includes household goods, furniture, jewelry, boats, real estate and other things. Marital property does *not* include a gift or inheritance received by one spouse *alone*.

Has the marital property been divided between the YOU and your Spouse to YOUR satisfaction?  YES  NO

If **NO**, YOU, the Petitioner, request the following marital property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**14. Non-Marital Property**

Non-marital property means: (1) anything that you or your spouse owned before the marriage; (2) anything that you or your spouse received as a gift, bequest, devise, or inheritance, *to you or your spouse alone*; (3) anything that you or your spouse got in trade or in exchange for your non-marital property; (4) anything that is an increase in the value of non-marital property; (5) anything you or your spouse received after the valuation date set by the court; or (6) anything defined as non-marital property by a valid ante nuptial contract.

a. Do YOU, the Petitioner, have non-marital property?  YES  NO

If YES, list YOUR non-marital property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d. Does Respondent (spouse) have non-marital property?

YES  NO  UNKNOWN

If YES, list Respondent's (spouse) non-marital property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**15. Cash & Accounts**

Do YOU, the Petitioner, have money in banks, savings, cash or investments?

YES  NO

Does Respondent (spouse) have money in banks, savings, cash or investments?

YES  NO  UNKNOWN

If **YES**,

- a. List all accounts owned by you alone, your spouse alone, or owned by both of you jointly including those opened after separation. "Type of account" means checking, savings, money market accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, stock options, mutual funds, savings bonds, and Treasury Bills, etc.

**Confidential Information should be listed on a separate sheet which lists Financial Institution name and account numbers.**

<b>Financial Institution</b>	<b>Type of Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Belongs to:</b> (name on account)
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

- b. List cash not listed at (a):

YOU, the Petitioner, have cash in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent (spouse) has cash in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

UNKNOWN.

**16. Real Property Information**

1. Real Estate belongs to: (List full names of owners) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Legal Description is: (The full legal description **must** be included. Copy the legal description from the deed. Do not use the property tax statement legal description. If the legal description is long, you may use an attachment. Type or print neatly.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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3. Street Address of the real property is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 The property is in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

4. Purchase date \_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, and year) and purchase price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mortgages or loans: (List all mortgages and loans on the property)

There are no mortgages or loans on this property.

1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage: Amount currently owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and name of lender \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Mortgage: Amount currently owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and name of lender \_\_\_\_\_

Other mortgages or loans: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Current Market Value of this property: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 How did you arrive at this value? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7. This property is the homestead: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**17. Debts**

Does YOU, the Petitioner, have debt?  YES  NO

Does Respondent (spouse) have debt?  YES  NO  UNKNOWN

If YES, list debts in your name, your spouse's name and in both names jointly. Include unpaid debts from before the marriage date, during the marriage, and after separation. Fill in all information completely and attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

Money is owed to:	Money was used for:	Whose Name is on the Account and When was the Debt Incurred?		Balance Owed	Monthly Payment
		Name	Date		
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
<b>Total Debt</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

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**18. Name Change**

Do YOU, the Petitioner, want to change your name?  YES  NO

*If YES, answer (a) through (c):*

a. YOUR name should be changed to:

\_\_\_\_\_

First	Middle	Last
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Is this name a former legal name or maiden Name?  YES  NO

If NO, the reason YOU, the Petitioner, want to change to this name is: \_\_\_\_\_

b. YOU, the Petitioner, have no intent to defraud or mislead anyone by changing your name:

TRUE  FALSE

c. Have YOU, the Petitioner, been convicted of a felony?

YES  NO

YOU, the Petitioner, have given notice of this request for name change to the proper authority  YES  NO

**19. Other.** Include other facts you think the Court should know.

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

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**BASED UPON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, YOU, the Petitioner, request that the Court issue a final judgment and decree granting the following relief:**

*Dissolving the bonds of matrimony between  
YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse) to end the marriage.*

**20. Health Care Coverage for the Parties**

- a. Ordering each party to provide for his or her own  medical  dental insurance.
- b. Ordering \_\_\_\_\_ (full name) to provide  medical  dental insurance for \_\_\_\_\_ (full name).
- c. Allowing \_\_\_\_\_ (full name), at his/her own expense, to continue the dependent coverage available under the other party's insurance plan, pursuant to federal and state statutes.
- d. Reserving the issue of medical and dental insurance for the parties.

**21. Spousal Maintenance**

- a. Maintenance is denied to YOU, the Petitioner, and Respondent (spouse).
- b. Reserving the issue of maintenance.
- c. Ordering  YOU, the Petitioner, **OR**  
 Respondent (spouse)  
to pay spousal maintenance to  YOU  Respondent.

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**22. Vehicles**

Awarding the vehicles as follows and ordering the party receiving the vehicles to pay for any loans or insurance for such vehicle:

<b>Year / Make / Model</b>	<b>Awarded to:</b>

**Marital Property**

Dividing the parties' marital property, household goods, furniture and furnishings **either:**

a. As currently divided

**OR**

b. As follows (attach additional page if necessary):

To YOU, the Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To Respondent (spouse): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**23. Non-Marital Property**

Dividing the parties non-marital property

a. As currently divided

**OR**

b. As follows (attach additional page if necessary):

To YOU, the Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
To Respondent (spouse): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**24. Cash and Accounts**

a. Awarding the savings and investments as follows:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Type of Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

b.  Awarding any cash not included in a. above to the party who currently has the cash

**OR**

Awarding the cash as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**25. Real Property**

None

**OR**

Awarding solely to

YOU, the Petitioner

Respondent (spouse) all right, title, and interest of the parties in the real property located at:

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of \_\_\_\_\_, which has the following legal description:

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

with the following mortgages and loans to be paid, after the divorce is final, by

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YOU, the Petitioner     Respondent (spouse):

1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage: Amount currently owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and name of lender: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Mortgage: Amount currently owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and name of lender: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and subject to the following liens or other agreements:

A lien in favor of  YOU, the Petitioner     Respondent (spouse) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other request regarding the property: (describe the request fully) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**26. Additional Real Property**

None

**OR**

Awarding solely to  YOU, the Petitioner     Respondent (spouse) all right, title, and interest of the parties in the real property located at:

Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of \_\_\_\_\_, which has the following legal description:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ with the following mortgages and loans to be paid, after the divorce is final, by

YOU, the Petitioner     Respondent (spouse):

1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage: Amount currently owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and name of lender: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Mortgage: Amount currently owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and name of lender: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and subject to the following liens or other agreements:

A lien in favor of  YOU, the Petitioner     Respondent (spouse) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other request regarding the property: (describe the request fully) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**28. Debts**

a. Dividing the debts as follows and ordering each party to hold the other harmless from any responsibility for the debts so divided. *Include all debts. Use additional pages if needed.*

Debt Owed To:	To Be Paid By:

b. Ordering that each party is solely responsible for paying any other debts incurred solely by him or her and ordering each party to hold the other harmless from any responsibility for such separately incurred debts.

**29. Name Change**

YOU, the Petitioner, are not requesting a name change;

**OR**

Changing YOUR name to: \_\_\_\_\_

First                                  Middle                                  Last

**30. Other:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**31.** Ordering such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

**32. Read and sign the Verification and Acknowledgments (below).**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA                             )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
  (County where Petition is signed)

**Verification and Acknowledgments**

- a. I have read this document. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief the information contained in this document is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law.
- b. I have not been determined by any Court in Minnesota or in any other State to be a frivolous litigant and I am not the subject of an Order precluding me from serving or filing this document.
- c. I am not serving or filing this document for any improper purpose, such as to harass the other party or to cause delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation or to commit a fraud on the Court.
- d. I understand that if I am not telling the truth or if I am misleading the Court or if I am serving or filing this document for an improper purpose, the Court can order me to pay money to the other party, including the reasonable expenses incurred by the other party because of the serving or filing this document, Court costs, and reasonable attorney’s fees. I understand that I could also be prosecuted for perjury if I am not telling the truth in my Petition.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
          Month      Day                  Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR Signature

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_