

**IN THE COURT OF THE
PRAIRIE ISLAND MDEWANKANTON DAKOTA COMMUNITY**

PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CIV - _____

Minor Child (Date of Birth)

PETITION FOR CHILD CUSTODY

FILING FEE: \$285

Now comes _____ (father/mother/other) and petitions the Honorable Court for an order determining the legal and physical custody of the above-referenced minor child who is a member of the Prairie Island Indian Community or a child of a Community Member. In support of his/her petition to the Court alleges as follows:

1. That the above-referenced minor child is a member of the Prairie Island Indian Community or a child of a Prairie Island Indian Community member and presently reside at the following address: _____ and with the following person: _____.
2. That no other court has entered in a custody decree involving the above-referenced minor, or if another court has issued a custody decree that order is attached and this court has jurisdiction to modify the order either by stipulation of the parties or due to the minor child residing on or near the Prairie Island Indian Community (attach any prior custody order).
3. That this court has jurisdiction over the minor child due to his/her membership in the Community or his/her domicile is on or near the Prairie Island Indian Community.
4. That your petitioner seeks to be awarded the: 1) sole legal and physical custody of the minor child; 2) the joint legal and physical custody of the minor child; 3) visitation rights with the minor child (check any that apply) for the following reasons: (List why you feel this request should be granted)

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that this court schedule this matter for hearing after due notice to all interested parties and grant the relief requested herein.

