



IN THE TRIBAL COURT  
PUEBLO OF ACOMA  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner

Vs.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**PETITION TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY**

**And Concerning Minor Child(ren):**

1. Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member:  Yes  No Enrolled:  Yes  No Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Eligible for Enrollment

2. Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member:  Yes  No Enrolled:  Yes  No Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Eligible for Enrollment

3. Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member:  Yes  No Enrolled:  Yes  No Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Eligible for Enrollment

4. Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member:  Yes  No Enrolled:  Yes  No Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Eligible for Enrollment

5. Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member:  Yes  No Enrolled:  Yes  No Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Eligible for Enrollment

**Birth Certificate(s) MUST be attached. (A copy can be made at the Court)**

The PETITIONER comes before this court and states:

1. PETITIONER (you are the petitioner)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member:  Yes  No      Enrolled:  Yes  No       Non-Indian

Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. RESPONDENT (The other parent is the Respondent)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member:  Yes  No      Enrolled:  Yes  No       Non-Indian

Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. JURISDICTION

The Acoma Tribal Court has Jurisdiction over this matter because (check all that apply)

- The Petitioner and Respondent are both enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe
- The Petitioner is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- The Respondent is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.

2. PATERNITY

- Paternity has not been established.
- Paternity is in dispute. Genetic testing is requested.

OR

- Paternity has been established as follows (check all that apply)
- Paternity of the minor child has been established by blood tests.
- Respondent or  Petitioner has openly held out the minor child as his natural child and established a personal, financial or custodial relationship with the minor child.

3. RESIDENCE OF CHILD(REN)

During the past three years, the minor child has lived with the following persons, at the following places and for the following periods of time.

WITH	ADDRESS	DATES
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

4. PRIOR OR PENDING LITIGATION (Choose 1)

Petitioner knows of no other litigation, past or present, concerning custody or visitation involving the minor child of the parties in New Mexico or within any other Tribal Court in which Petitioner has participated as a party, as a witness, or in any other capacity.

OR

Issues concerning custody or visitation involving the minor child(ren) of the parties were previously litigated in the following court action(s):

Name and Location of Court	Case No.	Case Name
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. BIRTH RECORD

Upon determination of paternity, the Department of Vital Statistics should be ordered to change the birth record of the minor child to reflect the paternity as determined by this court.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court order the following:

1. Establish the paternity of the minor child(ren);
2. Set a hearing date to take testimony and review any evidence that may be presented;
3. Approve any agreement filed with the petition;
4. Grant such order and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell/Work Phone

**NOTE: FILING FEE OF \$25.00 (TRIBAL MEMBERS) -OR- \$80.00 (NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS) MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING PETITION FOR PROCESSING AND COURT ACTION.**