

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF

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In the Matter of a Paternity Proceeding

Docket No.

Petitioner,  
S.S.#

PATERNITY  
PETITION

-against-

(Person other than  
Parent; Representative  
of Society)

Respondent.  
S.S.#

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TO THE FAMILY COURT:

The undersigned petitioner respectfully shows that:

1. (a) Petitioner is [check applicable box]:  guardian of  a person standing in a parental relation to  next of kin of the child named below.

Petitioner resides at [specify]:<sup>1</sup>

(b) Petitioner is a duly authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_, an incorporated society doing charitable and/or philanthropic work, which maintains its office at \_\_\_\_\_

2. Upon information and belief, [specify name of mother or mother-to-be]: who resides at [specify]:<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Unless ordered confidential, pursuant to Family Court Act § 154-b, because disclosure would pose an unreasonable risk to the health or safety of the Petitioner. See Forms GF-21 and 21a, available at [www.nycourts.gov](http://www.nycourts.gov).

<sup>2</sup> Unless ordered confidential, pursuant to Family Court Act § 154-b, because disclosure would pose an unreasonable risk to the health or safety of the mother or mother-to-be. See Forms GF-21 and 21a, available at [www.nycourts.gov](http://www.nycourts.gov).

gave birth to a  male  female child out of wedlock on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, and said child resides with \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

is pregnant with a child who is likely to be born out of wedlock.

(c) The name, date of birth and social security number of the child is:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

3. Upon information and belief, the above-named Respondent, who resides at [specify]:<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, is the father of said child.

4. [check boxes if applicable]: The Respondent has acknowledged paternity of the child  in writing  by furnishing support.

5. At the time of conception of the child, the mother:

was not married.

was married to [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_ whose last known address is [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_

6. No individual has been adjudicated father of this child, either in this court, or any other court, including a Native-American court; and no individual has signed an Acknowledgment of Paternity admitting paternity for this child (except) [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_

7. No previous application has been made to any court or judge for the relief \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> Unless ordered and confidential, pursuant to Family Court Act § 154-b, because disclosure would pose an unreasonable risk to the health or safety of the Respondent. See Forms GF-21 and 21a, available at [www.nycourts.gov](http://www.nycourts.gov).

requested (except [specify]:

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8. Petitioner: [check applicable box(es)]:

has made application for child support services with the local Department of Social Services.

hereby makes application for child support enforcement services by the filing of this petition.

does not wish to make application for child support services.

is not eligible for child support enforcement services. [Petitions seeking only spousal support are ineligible for child support services.]

9. The subject child  is  is not a Native-American child subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that this Court issue a summons or warrant requiring the Respondent to show cause why the Court should not enter a declaration of paternity, an order of support and such other and further relief as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

NOTE: (1) A COURT ORDER OF SUPPORT RESULTING FROM A PROCEEDING COMMENCED BY THIS APPLICATION (PETITION) SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE APPLICATION OF A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT NO EARLIER THAN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AFTER SUCH ORDER IS ISSUED, LAST MODIFIED OR LAST ADJUSTED, UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY PARTY TO THE ORDER OR PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) BELOW. SUCH COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT SHALL BE ON NOTICE TO BOTH PARTIES WHO, IF THEY OBJECT TO THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT, SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT AND TO PRESENT EVIDENCE WHICH THE COURT WILL CONSIDER IN ADJUSTING THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, KNOWN AS THE CHILD SUPPORT STANDARDS ACT.

(2) A PARTY SEEKING SUPPORT FOR ANY CHILD(REN) RECEIVING FAMILY ASSISTANCE SHALL HAVE A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT NO EARLIER THAN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AFTER SUCH ORDER IS ISSUED, LAST MODIFIED OR LAST ADJUSTED BY THE SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT, WITHOUT FURTHER APPLICATION BY ANY

PARTY. ALL PARTIES WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE ADJUSTED ORDER.

(3) WHERE ANY PARTY FAILS TO PROVIDE, AND UPDATE UPON ANY CHANGE, THE SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT WITH A CURRENT ADDRESS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-THREE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, TO WHICH AN ADJUSTED ORDER CAN BE SENT, THE SUPPORT OBLIGATION AMOUNT CONTAINED THEREIN SHALL BECOME DUE AND OWING ON THE DATE THE FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ORDER OF SUPPORT WHICH WAS REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED OCCURRING ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ADJUSTED ORDER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PARTY HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE ADJUSTED ORDER.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, .

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Attorney, if any

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney's Name (Print or Type)

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Attorney's Address and Telephone Number

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) : ss.:

being duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Petitioner in the above-entitled proceeding and that the foregoing petition is true to (his)(her) own knowledge, except as to matters herein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters (s)he believes it to be true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Sworn to before me this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, .

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy) Clerk of the Court  
Notary Public

**AGENCY VERIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) : ss.:

being duly sworn, deposes

and says:

That (s)he is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
is acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the  
above-entitled proceeding; that (s)he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof;  
that the same is true to (his)(her) own knowledge except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged  
upon information and belief, and that as to those matters (s)he believes it to be true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Sworn to before me this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, .

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy) Clerk of the Court  
Notary Public