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**IN THE CHEHALIS TRIBAL COURT
CHEHALIS INDIAN RESERVATION
OAKVILLE, WASHINGTON**

IN RE THE WELFARE OF:) Case No.: CHE-CIV-____ / ____ - _____
)
Child(ren)'s name(s). Date(s) of Birth) PETITION FOR CUSTODY
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_____)
Petitioner(s),)
)
And)
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_____)
Respondent(s).)

COMES NOW (*enter your name*) _____, (Petitioner) pursuant
to Chapter 5.20 of the Chehalis Tribal Code, to petition the Chehalis Tribal Court for an order
establishing the Custody of (*enter child(ren)'s name(s)*): _____

Petitioner(s) state(s) and allege(s) the following:

I. Parties

1.1 _____ is the biological mother of the child(ren)
named herein, and she resides at: _____

1.2 _____ is the biological father of the child(ren)
named herein, and he resides at: _____

1 1.3 The child(ren) is/are currently in the custody of: biological mother; biological
2 father; both; other guardian(s): _____
3 who reside at: _____

4 1.4 Petitioner(s) is/are the child(ren)'s: biological mother; biological father;
5 both; other: _____

6 1.5 If Petitioner(s) is/are person(s) other than a parent of the child(ren), Petitioner(s) allege
7 (*check all that apply*):

- 8 the child(ren) is/are not in the physical custody of one of its/their parents
9 neither parent is a suitable custodian for the child(ren)

10 II. Jurisdiction

11 2.1 This Court is empowered to hear this matter because (*check all that apply*):

- 12 the child(ren) permanently reside within the jurisdiction of this Court, including the
13 Chehalis Reservation and all Chehalis Indian Country;
14 the child(ren) is/are enrolled member(s) of the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis
15 Reservation.
16 the child(ren) were found on the Chehalis Reservation

17 III. Argument

18 (*Explain to the Court why it is in the child(ren)'s best interests for custody to be awarded to the*
19 *Petitioner(s). Include references to any and all tribal law(s) that you believe support your*
20 *argument. Facts should be alleged in the "Affidavit" section below).*

21 In reliance on the facts alleged in the Affidavit provided below, custody of the child(ren) named
22 herein should be awarded to the Petitioner(s) because: _____
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Signature of Petitioner(s)

SIGNED AND SWORN to before me on _____, 20_____.

OR

 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
 Washington, residing at _____
 My Commission expires _____

 CHEHALIS TRIBAL COURT CLERK