

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT _____

In the matter of: _____)
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)
A minor under 18 years of age.)
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)
Date of birth: _____)
_____)

CASE NO. _____

**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
OF TRIBAL COURT ICWA
CUSTODY ORDER**

TO: _____

1. A tribal court ICWA custody order was registered in state court on _____. That registered tribal court order concerns:
 foster care placement (and guardianships)¹ termination of parental rights
 adoptive placement but not an adoption decree pre-adoptive placement
2. A copy of the registered tribal court order is being sent to you with this notice.
3. The registered tribal court order is enforceable beginning on the date of registration (shown in paragraph 1 above) as if the order was issued by the state superior court.
4. You were listed in the request for registration as an interested person which means that you have the right to dispute whether the registered order is valid.
5. To dispute whether the registered order is valid, you must request a court hearing within 20 calendar days after service of this notice on you. (You may be served by mail, personal service or other method authorized by Civil Rule 4.) To request a court hearing, complete the enclosed form called "Request for Hearing about Registered Tribal Court ICWA Custody Order," and return it to the superior court at this address:

6. If you request a hearing, the court will let you know the date, time, and place of that hearing. This information will be sent to you in the mail to the address you give the court in your request for hearing form. At the hearing, you will need to prove at least one of these 3 things:
 - a. The tribal court that made the order did not have jurisdiction over the parties or the child custody proceeding;² or

¹ This includes temporary placement in a foster home, guardian's home, conservator's home, or institution, where parental rights have not been terminated.

² "Jurisdiction" means authority.

- b. The tribal court custody order was vacated, stayed, or modified by a court that did have jurisdiction to do so;³ or
 - c. You were entitled to notice of the proceedings, but the notice did not reach you and was not given in a way that was reasonably likely to reach you. Or even if notice was given, you were not given an opportunity to be heard by the court.
7. If you do not contest the validity of the registered order within the specified time (described in paragraph 5), and no hearing is requested by anyone else, the registered tribal court order will be automatically confirmed. Once a tribal court order is confirmed, either automatically or at a hearing, you will not be able to challenge the order later about any of the arguments that you could have made now (such as the 3 things mentioned in paragraph 6).

Date

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

Clerk's Certificate of Distribution

I certify that on _____ a copy of this notice; blank request for hearing form; the request to register tribal court order; and all attachments

with redactions per order

_____ were served by certified mail, personal service, or other method authorized by Civil Rule 4 on:

by _____

³ "Vacated" means cancelled. "Stayed" means postponed. "Modified" means changed.