

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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Petitioner,	*	
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v.	*	Civil Action File No. _____
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_____	*	
	*	
Respondent(s).	*	
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PETITION FOR CUSTODY

NOW COMES, Petitioner, _____, representing myself, and files this Petition for Custody against _____, the Respondent(s), pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-1 (b.1), and respectfully shows the Court the following:

1.

Petitioner is a resident of _____ County, Georgia, and is the _____ of the child(ren) at issue:

Full Name	Male/Female	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Petitioner requests that this Court grant Petitioner temporary and permanent custody of the child(ren).

2.

Respondent, _____, the mother of the above minor child(ren), is a resident of _____ County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court and may be served via personal service with a copy of this Petition and summons at the following address:

_____.

3.

The minor child(ren) currently resides at _____ with _____. During the past five (5) years, the minor child(ren) resided at _____ with _____.

4.

Respondent, _____, the father of the above minor child(ren), is a resident of _____ County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court and may be served via personal service with a copy of this Petition and summons at the following address: _____.

The child(ren)'s biological father is/is not listed on the child(ren)'s birth certificate and has/has not legitimated the minor child(ren), has/has not had a relationship with the minor child(ren), and has/has not ever provided financial support to the minor child(ren). Furthermore, the whereabouts of the biological father are unknown.

Petitioner will provide a courtesy of this Petition for Custody to the biological father of the child(ren) at the following address: _____

_____.

5.

Petitioner has not participated as a party, or witness, or in any capacity in any other litigation concerning the custody of the minor child(ren) in this or any other state.

Petitioner does not know of any custody proceeding concerning the minor child(ren) which may be pending in a court in this or any other state.

The minor child(ren) have been/are involved in the following custody actions.

County: _____

County: _____

State: _____

State: _____

Court: _____

Court: _____

Type of Action: _____

Type of Action: _____

Date Filed: _____

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Status: _____

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6.

Petitioner knows of no individuals other than the parties to this action who have any claim of custody or visitation rights concerning the above child(ren). The minor child(ren) is/are in the custody and control of the Petitioner who is entitled to retain permanent custody.

The following persons who are not a party to this proceeding have custody or visitation rights with the minor child(ren):

Full Name

Claim

7.

The minor child(ren) lived with and was/were supported by Petitioner from _____ until _____. Custody of the minor child(ren) with Respondent(s) would be harmful to the minor child(ren), resulting in either physical harm or significant, long-term emotional harm. Respondent(s) is/are unable to care for the minor child(ren) because _____

_____.

8.

Petitioner requests that the issue of child support be considered and decided by this Court.

9.

Due to Petitioner's day-to-day relationship with the minor child(ren) since _____, the minor child(ren) has/have developed a strong emotional bond with Petitioner. The award of temporary and permanent physical and legal custody of the minor child(ren) to Petitioner is for the best interest of the child(ren) and will best promote her/his/their welfare and happiness. Petitioner is a fit and capable person and is otherwise qualified to have custody of the minor child(ren).

10.

Petitioner requests an emergency hearing because: _____

_____.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for relief as follows:

- (1) That process issue and that service and notice of said custody petition be had according to law unless the same is waived in writing;
- (2) That an Rule Nisi be issued requiring the Respondent(s) to show cause why the prayers demanded by the Petitioner should not be granted;
- (3) That the Petitioner be awarded temporary and permanent custody of the minor child(ren);
- (4) That any agreement between the parties be approved and incorporated into any judgment of custody and child support;
- (5) That the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems equitable and appropriate under the circumstances;

This _____ day of _____, 201__.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature Pro Se
Name: (print or type) _____
Address: _____

Telephone Number: () _____