

**IN THE HIGH COURT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDINGS

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ADOPTION OF COURT RULES)	
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FOR)	ORDER ADOPTING RULES
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CHANGE OF NAME PROCEDURE)	
_____)	

Pursuant to the High Court’s inherent power; Article VI, Subsections 1(1) and 1(2) of the Constitution; and Sections 218(1) and (2) of the Judiciary Act 1983, 27 MIRC Chapter 2, as amended,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following rules are adopted and promulgated as the procedures for change of name proceedings in the High Court and the District Court of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Rule 1. Scope. Except as otherwise provided herein, these rules shall govern all proceedings for changes of names of adults and minors in the High Court and the District Court of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Rule 2. Name Changes to Which These Rules Do Not Apply. These rules do not change or abrogate the pre-existing rights that a mentally competent adult has at common law to decide what name he or she will use, so long as such change does not have the effect of, or is not made for the purpose of misleading or defrauding creditors, or covering up criminal acts, deeds or records of convictions, or for any other fraudulent or illegal purpose. Such extra-judicial changes, however, are not to be regarded as official changes in names and the Registrar General should not record them.

Rule 3. Adoption and Divorces. Nothing in these rules is intended to change or modify the existing procedures for changes of name in adoption and divorce proceedings where such changes are set forth in court decrees. (See 26 MIRC Chps 1 and 8)

Rule 4. Marriage and Other Statutory Procedures. Nothing in these rules is intended to change any existing laws or rules regarding changes of names upon marriage (26 MIRC Chp 4), or any other statutory procedure that brings about a change in name for a public purpose.

Rule 5. Change of Name: Procedure.

(a) Adults. A petition for the change of name of an adult person shall be filed in either the High Court or the District Court. Such petition shall be signed by the person whose name is sought to be changed and shall contain the following information, together with such other information that should be brought to the attention of the court:

(1) The Petitioner's full name, date of birth, place of birth and birth certificate number and place recorded;

(2) Any other name by which Petitioner has been known;

(3) The Petitioner's present address and how long Petitioner has resided at such address, and citizenship;

(4) The names and addresses of Petitioner's father and mother, and also their addresses, if still alive;

(5) Petitioner's marital status, and, if married, the spouse's name;

(6) The new name that Petitioner desires to have and the reason or reasons for such change of name. (See Rule 11);

(7) A verified list of all creditors of the Petitioner and their respective addresses, if the total indebtedness of the Petitioner is \$500 or more;

(8) A verified list of Petitioner's criminal convictions, if any. (The term "Criminal Convictions" does not include traffic offenses that are misdemeanors or violations);

(9) All pending court actions, criminal or civil, to which the Petitioner is a party; and

(10) A prepared proposed decree for change of name for the Judge to sign, together with sufficient copies to be sent to all creditors, if any.

(b) Minors.

(1) In the case of a change of name for a minor, the Petition shall be filed in either the High Court or District Court and shall be executed:

(A) (i) By the parents; or

(ii) By the parent who has custody of the minor with the notarized consent of the non-custodial parent, provided, however, that if the address of a non-consenting parent is unknown and cannot be ascertained then notice of such Petition shall be given in the same manner as in adoption cases; provided further that the consent of a parent who has abandoned the child for a period of six (6) months or more, or who has been adjudged insane or incompetent, or whose legal rights to said child have been terminated by court order or decree, need not be obtained for a change of the child's name, but the grounds for rendering such consent unnecessary must be alleged in the petition and notice of the petition must be given to such non-consenting parent in the

same manner as required in adoption cases. (References: 26 MIRC 813, 816, and 819; 27 MIRC 251(2), 252, and 255; 29 MIRC 108 to 111); or

(iii) By the guardian of the person of the minor; and

(B) By the child, if of age of 12 years or more.

(2) The petition for the change of name of a minor shall contain the following information, together with any other information that should be brought to the attention of the Court:

(A) With respect to the minor, the matters required in subparagraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(6), (a)(10) of Rule 5 above, together with the following:

(B) The petitioner's name, relationship to the child, residence and length of residence;

(C) Whether such minor is an adopted child, and if so the facts concerning such adoption and case number and court;

(D) If the minor has a guardian then the guardian's name and address should appear in lieu of the parents in (a)(4) of Rule 5, and the order appointing such guardian should be attached to the petition; and

(E) Such other information as may be called for by the attached forms.

Rule 6. Filing Fee. A filing fee of \$5.00 shall accompany each petition when submitted.

Rule 7. Decree Changing Name: Publication. The Decree for a change of name shall be substantially in the form attached to these rules. Such decree shall, when approved, be signed by

the appropriate Judge and filed with the Clerk of Courts. In cases where the name change is for an adult, notice of the order shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and such other place as the Court may direct in such order. No publication shall be necessary in case of the change of name of a minor unless special circumstances so warrant. The notice shall be in the following form:

Kojela in Ukok Et

Ilo _____, 20____, _____ Court eo an Republic eo an Marshall Islands ilo CA 20____ - ____ emoj an kotobrak kajitok eo an John Doe nan ukot etan nan Richard Doe.

Notice of Name Change

On _____, 20____, the Republic of the Marshall Islands _____ Court in CA 20____ - ____ granted John Doe's petition to change his name to Richard Doe.

Rule 8. Birth Certificate Notation. In the event the person whose name is changed was born in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Clerk of Courts shall transmit a copy of the order to the Registrar General with the request that it be noted on the certificate on record in that office. If the Petitioner was born elsewhere, a copy of the order may be transmitted to the office where such petitioner's birth is registered with the request that it be noted on the certificate on record therein.

Rule 9. Copies of Decree: Distribution. In addition to any other required filing or distribution of a Decree of Change of Name required by these rules, copies of such Decree shall be transmitted to each creditor named in the Petition, and if the person whose name is changed by the Decree has a criminal record, the Court may order copies of the Decree to be sent to the Chief of Police and/or the Clerk of the appropriate court where any such conviction is on file.

Rule 10. Forms. Forms for the Petitions, Verifications, Consents, and Decrees to be used in Change of Name Procedures are attached hereto and must be followed.

Rule 11. Grounds for Name Change. The petitioner must show good and sufficient

reason supporting the petition over and above a mere whim or personal desire to assume another name, but such reason need not be monumental or difficult to formulate. The Court will not grant a name change where to do so would prejudice the legitimate interests of third parties, or aid or assist the avoidance of payment of just debts and obligations, or to aid or cover-up illegal conduct or secrete petitioner from the law or his creditors, or impede a governmental function, or other valid reasons.

Rule 12. Residency and Custody Requirements.

(a) Adults. For the change of an adult petitioner's name, the petitioner must be a resident of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for not less than three months immediately prior to the filing of the petition.

(b) Minors. For the change of a minor's name, the petitioner must be the minor's custodial parent or guardian and must be a resident of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The minor must be a citizen or resident of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Rule 13. Effective Date. These rules shall take effect upon the 25th day of June 2013.

Dated: June 25, 2013.



Carl B. Ingram
Chief Justice, High Court

**OFFICIAL PETITION FORM
(For Adults)**

PETITIONER'S NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NO.:
FAX NO.:
EMAIL:

**IN THE _____ COURT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION)
FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF)
)
_____)
)
An Adult Person,)
)
Petitioner.)
_____)

CIVIL ACTION NO. 20 ____ - ____

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PETITION

Comes now _____, the Petitioner herein, by
_____ counsel _____, and petitions this Court to
(his or her)
issue a decree changing Petitioner's name from _____ to
_____.

In support of this petition, Petitioner submits the following:

1. The above-entitled Court has jurisdiction over this matter by virtue of the provisions of Article VI, Sections 1(1) and 3 of the RMI Constitution, and Section 228(1)(a) of the Judiciary Act of 1983, 27 MIRC Chp 2;

2. The Petitioner, whose full name is _____
was born in _____, on the _____ day of _____,

_____, as is evidenced Birth Certificate No. _____ on record
with the _____ Office at _____.

A copy of this birth certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

3. That Petitioner has not been known by any other name or names, except as follows: _____.

4. The Petitioner's present address is: _____
_____.

Petitioner has resided at such address since on or about _____.

(Must be at least three months prior to the filing of the petition.) Petitioner is a citizen of

_____.

5. Petitioner's father's name is _____ and the
mother's name is _____. Petitioner's father is now
_____. Petitioner's mother is now _____.
(alive or dead) (alive or dead)

(If still alive state their address or addresses).

6. Petitioner is _____.
(married or unmarried)
If married, Petitioner's spouse's name is _____.

7. Petitioner requests that _____ name be changed
to _____ (his or her)
for the following reason(s): (Must be more than just
mere whim or just personal desire)

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-
-
8. (Use either (a) or (b) as applicable).
- (a) Petitioner has no debts in excess of \$500.00; or
 - (b) Petitioner has debts in excess of \$500.00, which debts, together with the amounts, names, and addresses of creditors and the nature of such debts are described in Exhibit “B” hereto.

9. (Use either (a) or (b) as applicable).
- (a) Petitioner has no criminal record; or
 - (b) Petitioner has the criminal record described in Exhibit “C” hereto, which exhibit shows the dates of conviction, the offenses for which Petitioner was found guilty, the sentence, and whether sentence has been served.

Note: The term “Criminal record” does not include traffic offenses that are misdemeanors or violations only.

10. (Use either (a) or (b) as applicable).
- (a) The Petitioner has no pending court action to which Petitioner is a party; or
 - (b) The Petitioner is a party to the pending court action described in Exhibit “D” hereto. (Existing Judgments and liens against Petitioner or his property are also required to be listed in Exhibit “D”.)
11. Other matters that Petitioner feels the Court should be aware of in

determining whether or not to approve this name change are as follows:

12. Petitioner _____ been a party to
(has or has not)
bankruptcy proceedings. (If “has,” then describe in an Exhibit “E” hereto.)

13. Petitioner has submitted herewith a proposed Decree for the Court to sign, with copies thereof for creditors. Petitioner will, after the signing and filing of such decree of change of name, cause copies thereof to be mailed to each creditor, if any, listed in Exhibit “B” hereto, if any, and shall cause notice of such Decree to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and such other newspaper as may be ordered by the Court.

14. Petitioner submits that a hearing is; is not; necessary to a determination of this case, and request that hearing thereof be waived; set for date certain.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court enter a decree as follows:

1. Changing the Petitioner’s name from _____
to _____ ; and

2. Granting such other or further relief as may be necessary and proper to this change of name action.

Dated: _____, 20_____

Petitioner’s Signature

**SAMPLE OF COMPLETED PETITION FORM
(For Adults)**

PETITIONER'S NAME: James Jay Neju
ADDRESS: P.O. Box xxx, Majuro, MH 96960
PHONE NO.: 625-xxxx
FAX NO.: 625-xxxx
EMAIL: jamesjay@gmail.com

**IN THE HIGH COURT
OF
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	CIVIL ACTION NO. <u>2013-017</u>
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME)	
OF)	
)	
<u>JAMES JAY NEJU</u> ,)	PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
)	
An Adult Person,)	
)	
Petitioner.)	
_____)	

PETITION

Comes now James Jay Neju, the Petitioner herein, by his counsel Able
(his or her)
Lawyer, Esq. and petitions this Court to issue a decree changing Petitioner's name from
James J. Neju to James Jay John. In support of this petition, Petitioner
submits the following:

1. The above-entitled Court has jurisdiction over this matter by virtue of the provisions of Article VI, Sections 1(1) and 3 of the RMI Constitution, and Section 228 (1)(a) of the Judiciary Act of 1983, 27 MIRC Chp 2;

2. The Petitioner, whose full name is James Jay Neju was born in Majuro, RMI, on the 2nd day of January, 1979, as is evidenced by

Birth Certificate No. 1979-41 on record with the Registrar General's Office at Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. A copy of this birth certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

3. That Petitioner has not been known by any other name or names, except as follows: sometimes I call myself John.

4. The Petitioner's present address is P.O. Box 561, Majuro, MH 96960, Marshall Islands. Petitioner has resided at such address since on or about January 2, 1979.

(Must be at least three months prior to the filing of the petition.)

Petitioner is a citizen of RMI.

5. Petitioner's father's name is unknown and petitioner's mother's name is Rachael Mina Neju. Petitioner's father is now unknown. Petitioner's mother is now deceased.
(alive or deceased)

(If still alive state their address or addresses)

Not applicable

6. Petitioner is married. (If married) Petitioner's spouse's name is Marylena John Neju.
(married or unmarried)

7. Petitioner requests that his name be changed to James Jay John
(his or her)
for the following reason(s): (Must be more than just mere whim or just personal desire).

I have recently learned that my real father's name was John. My wife's maiden name was John. Now that my mother has died I wish to use my real (though not legal) father's

name.

8. (Use either (a) or (b) as applicable.

(a) Petitioner has no debts in excess of \$500.00; or

(b) Petitioner has debts in excess of \$500.00, which debts, together with the amounts, names, and addresses of creditors and the nature of such debts are described in Exhibit "B" hereto, if any.

9. (Use either (a) or (b) as applicable).

(a) Petitioner has no criminal record.

(b) Petitioner has the criminal record described in Exhibit "C"

hereto (if any), which exhibit shows the dates of conviction, the offenses for which Petitioner was found guilty, the sentence, and whether sentence has been served.

[Note: The Term "Criminal record" does not include traffic offenses that are misdemeanors or violations only.]

10. (Use either (a) or (b) as applicable).

(a) The Petitioner has no pending court action to which Petitioner is a party; or

(b) The Petitioner is a party to the pending court action described in Exhibit "D" hereto (if any). (Existing Judgments and liens against Petitioner or his property are also required to be listed in Exhibit "D").

11. Other matters that Petitioner feels the Court should be aware of in determining whether or not to approve this name change are as follows: **I was married once before, but was divorced in 1990. (See Civil Action No. 1990-82)**

12. Petitioner has not been a party to any Bankruptcy proceedings. (If has
(has or has not)
then describe in an Exhibit "E" hereto).

13. Petitioner has submitted herewith a proposed Decree for the Court to sign, with copies thereof for creditors. Petitioner will, after the signing and filing of such decree of change of name, cause copies thereof to be mailed to each creditor, if any, listed in Exhibit "B" hereto, if any, and shall cause notice of such Decree to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and such other newspaper as may be ordered by the Court.

14. Petitioner submits that a hearing is; is not; necessary to a determination of this case, and requests that hearing thereof be waived; set for date certain.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court enter a decree as follows:

1. Changing the Petitioner's name from James Jay Neju to James Jay John.
2. Granting such other or further relief as may be necessary and proper to this change of name action.

Dated: January 1, 2013

/s/ James Jay Neju
Petitioner

[Note: Even though only one name is to be changed the full name of the person whose name is to be changed must be set forth, else the publication is meaningless.]

IT IS FURTHER DECREED AND ORDERED that this change of name be noted in the Petitioner's Birth Certificate, that is Certificate of Live Birth No. _____ on file in _____, and that notice of this Decree be published in the _____, a newspaper of general circulate in the Marshall Islands, and that copies of the Decree be mailed to all creditors, if any, of the Petitioner. Notice of the Decree shall be in the following form:

Kojela in Ukok Et

Ilo _____, 20 __, _____ Court eo an Republic eo an Marshall Islands ilo CA 20 __ - __ emoj an kotobrak kajitok eo an John Doe nan ukot etan nan Richard Doe.

Notice of Name Change

On _____, 20 __, the Republic of the Marshall Islands _____ Court in CA 20 __ - __ granted John Doe's petition to change his name to Richard Doe.

Dated: _____, 20 ____.

Judge of the Above-Entitled Court

**(SAMPLE OF COMPLETED DECREE FORM)
(For Adults)**

**IN THE HIGH COURT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION))	CIVIL ACTION NO. <u>2013-017</u>
CHANGE OF NAME OF))	
<u>JAMES JAY NEJU</u> ,))	DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME
An Adult Person.))	
_____))	

DECREE

The Court, after due consideration of the Petition of ① James J. Neju for a change of name, and the Exhibits attached thereto, and without a hearing of (after or without) said petition, finds, orders and decrees as follows:

1. The Petitioner is an adult person and has been a resident of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for not less than three (3) months immediately preceding the filing of the petition.

2. The Petitioner has shown good and sufficient reason for granting of the requested change of name and such change of name will not injure the rights or interests of third persons and will not result in any fraud upon, or misleading of creditors or the government, and will not unreasonably impede any governmental function.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECREED AND ORDERED, that the Petition of ① James Jay Neju be, and hereby is, granted and that from this date on said Petitioner shall be known by the name of ① James Jay John, for all purposes.

IT IS FURTHER DECREED AND ORDERED that this change of name be noted in the Petitioner's Birth Certificate, that is Certificate of Live Birth No. 1979-41 on file in the Registrar General's Office at Majuro, Marshall Islands, and that notice of this Decree be published in the Marshall Islands Journal, a newspaper of general circulate in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and that copies of the Decree be mailed to all creditors, if any, of the Petitioner. Notice of the Decree shall be in the following form:

Kojela in Ukok Et

Ilo January 20, 2013, High Court eo an Republic eo an Marshall Islands ilo CA 2013-17 emoj an kotobrak kajitok eo an James Jay Neju nan ukot etan nan James Jay John.

Notice of Name Change

On January 20, 2013, the Republic of the Marshall Islands High Court in CA 2013-17 granted James Jay Neju's petition to change his name to James Jay John.

Dated: January 20, 2013.

Judge of the Above-Entitled Court

① Note that even though only one name is to be change the full name of the person whose name is to be changed must be set forth.

_____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____, as is evidenced by Birth Certificate No. _____ on record with the _____ Office at _____. A copy of this birth certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The minor is a citizen of _____.

3. That said minor has not been known by any other name or names, and has never been adopted, except as follows: _____.

4. That the Petitioner herein is the _____ (Relationship) of the above-named minor and brings the petition on said minor's behalf and for the benefit and best interests of said minor.

5. The said minor's present address is _____
_____.
Said minor has resided at such address since on or about _____.
The Petitioner's address is _____ and Petitioner has resided at such address since on or about _____.

6. The minor's father's name is _____ and _____ (his or her) mother's name is _____. The minor's father is now _____
_____. The minor's mother is now _____
(alive or deceased) (alive or deceased)

(If still alive state their address or addresses):

7. The minor _____ guardian.
(has or has no)
8. Petitioner requests that said minor's name be changed to

for the following reasons(s): (Must be more than just mere whim or just personal desire).

9. Said minor, if of the age of 12 years or more, has consented in writing to this name change.

10. (Use either (a) or (b) as applicable).

(a) That all of the minor's living legal parents/guardians have consented to this name change.

(b) That said minor's legal _____ has not consented to
(Mother/Father/Guardian)
this petition for name change, but the consent of such legal _____ is
(Mother/Father/Guardian)
not necessary for the following reason(s):

1. Said non-consenting parent has been adjudged to be insane or incompetent as evidenced by the document attached hereto as Exhibit

“ _____ ”;

2. Said non-consenting parent/guardian has abandoned said minor child for a period of at least six (6) months last past;

3. Said non-consenting legal parent's rights to said minor child have been terminated by court order or decree, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “ _____ ”.

11. If there is a non-consenting legal parent/guardian, notice of this petition for name change has been given to said non-consenting legal parent in the following manner; as shown by Exhibit “_____” hereto:

12. Other matters that Petitioner feels the Court should be aware of in determining whether or not to approve this name change are as follows:

13. Petitioner has submitted herewith a proposed Decree for the Court to sign that will effectuate the requested change of name if the Court approves the change of name.

14. Petitioner submits that a hearing is; is not; necessary to a determination of this case, and requests that a hearing thereof be waived; set for date certain.

[Note: Hearing will always be required where there is a non-consenting legal parent whose rights have not already been terminated]

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court enter a decree as follows:

1. Changing the name of the above-named minor from

_____ to _____.

2. Granting such other or further relief as may be necessary and proper to this change of name action.

Dated: _____, 20__.

I further certify that the signature of the Petitioner above was made under the foregoing oath and in my presence and sight.

Notary Public or Other Officer
Republic of the Marshall Islands

Seal of Notary Public
or Other Officer
Administering Oath

Marshall Islands, on the 22nd day of April, 1990, as evidenced by Birth Certificate No. 1990-45 on record with the Registrar General's Office at Majuro, Marshall Islands. A copy of this birth certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

The minor is a citizen of Republic of the Marshall Islands.

3. That said minor has not been known by any other name or names, and has never been adopted, except as follows: None.

4. That the Petitioner herein is the mother of the above-named minor and (Relationship) brings the petition on said minors behalf and for the benefit and best interests of said minor.

5. The said minor's present address is P.O. Box 657, Majuro, MH 96960, Marshall Islands. Said minor has resided at such address since on or about birth. The Petitioner's address is P.O. Box 657, Majuro, MH 96960, Marshall Islands and Petitioner has resided at such address since on or about 1990.

6. The minor's father's name is Quantro Lease Timothy and her mother's (his or her) name is Mary Kay Simon. The minor's father is now ② deceased. The minor's (alive or deceased) mother is now alive. (alive or deceased)

(If still alive state their address or addresses):

P.O. Box 657

Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

7. The minor has has no guardian. (has or has no)

8. Petitioner requests that said minor's name be changed to Jane Akieb Simon

for the following reason(s):

(Must be more than just mere whim or just personal desire).

③ Petitioner has remarried to Akio Simon. They have not yet decided whether he will adopt the child Jane as yet, but wishes to change Jane's name to her husband's so as to make it easier and better for Jane in school.

9. Said minor, if of the age of 12 years or more, has consented in writing to this name change.

10. (Use either (a) or (b) as applicable).

(a) That all of the minor's living legal parents/guardians have consented to this name change.

(b) That said minor's legal _____ has not
(Mother/Father/Guardian)
consented to this petition for name change, but the consent of such legal

_____ is not necessary for the following reason(s):
(Mother/Father/Guardian)

(Check the applicable box)

1. Said non-consenting parent/guardian has been adjudged to be insane or incompetent or evidenced by the document attached hereto as Exhibit "_____";

2. Said non-consenting parent/guardian has abandoned said minor for a period of at least six (6) months last past;

3. Said non-consenting legal parent's rights to said minor child have been terminated by Court order or decree, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "_____".

11. If there is a non-consenting legal parent/guardian, notice of this petition for name

change has been given to said non-consenting legal parent in the following manner: as shown by Exhibit “ _____ ” hereto:

Not applicable

12. Other matters that Petitioner feels the Court should be aware of in determining whether or not to approve this name change are as follows:

Since Jane’s surname is different from that of both her mother and father she is asked embarrassing questions. Jane is not yet ready to consent to adoption, but does consent to the name change.

13. Petitioner has submitted herewith a proposed Decree for the Court to sign that will effectuate the requested change of name if the Court approves the change of name.

14. Petitioner submits that a hearing is; is not; necessary to a determination of this case, and requests that hearing thereof be waived; set for date certain;

[Note: Hearing will always be required where there is a non-consenting legal parent whose rights have not already been terminated.]

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court enter a decree as follows:

1. Changing the name of the above-named minor from **Jane Akieb Timothy** to **Jane Akieb Simon**.
2. Granting such other or further relief as may be necessary and proper to this change of name action.

Dated: January 21, 2013.

(him or her)
Petition are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief and said Petitioner
(his or her)
verily believes that such change of name is in the best interests of said minor.

I further certify that the signature of the Petitioner above was made under the foregoing
oath and in my presence and sight.

/s/ Very Official
Notary Public or Other Officer
Republic of the Marshall Islands

Seal of Notary Public
or Other Officer
Administering Oath

**(OFFICIAL DECREE FORM)
(For Minors)**

**IN THE _____ COURT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME)
OF)

CIVIL ACTION NO. 20____ - _____

_____,)

A Minor,)

DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME

By: _____,)

Petitioner.)

_____)

DECREE

The Petition of _____ for a change of name for
_____, a _____ minor child, together with the
(male or female)
exhibits thereto attached, having been considered by the Court _____ a
(after or without)
hearing, the Court finds and decrees as follows:

1. The Petitioner is the _____ of
(relationship)
_____, a _____ minor child whose
(male or female)
name change is sought in this petition;

2. That all persons ordinarily required by relationship to consent to this Petition for
such change of name have consented thereto, or the Court has found such consent to be legally
unnecessary;

3. That the Petitioner is a resident of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the

minor is a citizen or resident of Marshall Islands;

4. That good and sufficient reason for the requested change of name has been shown and such change of name will not injure the rights or interests of third persons or the government, and such change of name is also in the best interests of the said minor; and

5. That said minor, being of the age of _____ years, has either consented to this change of name or said minor's consent is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECREED AND ORDERED that the Petition for Change of Name is hereby granted, and from this date on said minor shall be known by the name of _____ for all purposes.

IT IS FURTHER DECREED AND ORDERED that this Change of Name be noted on said minor's Birth Certificate, namely Certificate of Live Birth No. on file in

_____.

Dated: _____,

Judge of the Above-Entitled Court

(SAMPLE OF COMPLETED DECREE FORM)
(For Minors)

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE) CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013-018
CHANGE OF NAME OF)
)
 JANE AKIEB TIMOTHY ,) DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME
)
A Minor,)
)
By: MARY KAY SIMON ,)
)
Petitioner.)
_____)

DECREE

The Petition of Mary Kay Simon for a change of name for
 Jane Akieb Timothy , a female minor child, together with the exhibits thereto
(male or female)
attached, having been considered by the Court without a hearing, the Court finds and
(after or without)
decrees as follows:

1. The Petitioner is the mother of Jane Akieb Timothy , a
(relationship)
 female minor child whose name change is sought in this petition;
(male or female)
2. That all persons ordinarily required by relationship to consent to this Petition for
such change of name have consented thereto, or the Court has found such consent to be legally
unnecessary;
3. That the Petitioner is a resident of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the
minor is a citizen or resident of the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

4. That good and sufficient reason for the requested change of name has been shown, and such change of name will not injure the rights or interests of third persons or the government, and such change of name is also in the best interests of the said minor; and

5. That said minor, being of the age of 14 years, has either consented to this change of name or said minor's consent is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECREED AND ORDERED that the Petition for Change of Name is hereby granted and from this day date on said minor shall be known by the name of Jane Akieb Simon for all purposes.

IT IS FURTHER DECREED AND ORDERED that this Change of Name be noted on said minor's Birth Certificate, namely Certificate of Live Birth No. 1990-45 on file in the Office of the Registrar General, Majuro, Marshall Islands.

Dated: January 11, 2013.

/s/ (Signing Judge)
Judge of the Above-Entitled Court

**(OFFICIAL PARENTAL CONSENT FORM)
(For Minors)**

**IN THE HIGH COURT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME)
OF)
)
_____,)
)
A Minor,)
)
By: _____,)
)
Petitioner.)
_____)

CIVIL ACTION NO. 20 ____ - ____

**CONSENT TO NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

CONSENT

I, _____, _____ of
(Mother/Father/Guardian)
_____, presently residing at _____,
do hereby consent to having the name of my _____ changed from
(Son/Daughter/Ward)
_____ to _____.

Dated: _____.

Signature of Consenting Parent/Guardian

Notary Public or Other Officer
Republic of the Marshall Islands

Seal of Notary
or Other Officer
Administering Oath