IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF {{ upper\_county }} COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In re: Name Change of: Civil Action No.

{{ p.name.full(middle=”full”) }}

**Petition for Name Change**

Comes now the Petitioner, {{ p.name.full(middle=”full”) }} and requests that this Court, pursuant to *W. Va. Code §48-25-101 et seq.*, allow them to change their name.

Pursuant to *W. Va. Code §48-25-101(a)* the petitioner affirms the following.

1. {%p if name\_at\_birth %}
2. Petitioner’s full name at birth was: {{ p.name.full(middle=”full”) }}.
3. {%p else %}
4. Petitioner’s full name at birth was: {{ birth.name.full(middle=”full”) }}.
5. {%p endif %}
6. Petitioner was born on {{ p.birthdate }}, in the state of {{ p.birth\_state }} and is {{ p.age\_in\_years() }} years old.
7. Petitioner has been a bona fide resident of {{ p.address.county }} County, West Virginia for at least one year prior to the filing of this petition.
8. Petitioner desires to change their name for the following reason:

{{ change\_reason }}

1. Petitioner desires to change their name to: **{{ new\_name.name.full(middle=”full”) }}**.
2. Petitioner’s desire to change their name is not for purposes of avoiding debt or creditors.
3. Petitioner is not a registered sex offender pursuant to any state or federal law.
4. This petition is not for the purpose of avoiding any state or federal law regarding identity.
5. This petition is not for any improper or illegal purpose.
6. Petitioner is not a convicted felon in any jurisdiction.
7. This petition is not for any purpose of evading detection, identification, or arrest by any local, state, or federal-law enforcement agency.
8. {%p if protection %}
9. Petitioner desires to protect their identity for personal safety reasons.
10. In support of Petitioner’s desire to protect their identity for personal safety reasons, Petitioner avers the following:

{{ protect\_reason }}

1. {%p else %}
2. Petitioner does not need to protect their identity for personal safety reasons.
3. {%p endif %}

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

1. {%p if protection %}
2. That, due to personal safety concerns, this Court waive publication or limit publication by withholding Petitioner’s new name pursuant to *W. Va. Code §48-25-101(b).*
3. {%p endif %}
4. That Petitioner’s name be legally changed to **{{ new\_name.name.full(middle=”full”) }}**.
5. That Petitioner be granted such other and further relief as the Court deems reasonable and just.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

{{ p.name.full(middle=”full”) }}, Petitioner

**Verification**

I, {{ p.name.full(middle=”full”) }}, verify that the above petition is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

{{ p.name.full(middle=”full”) }}, Petitioner Date

The foregoing affidavit was taken, subscribed and sworn to before me by the said

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, in my said County and State on this, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Given under my hand and **NOTARIAL SEAL**.

[**AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL**]

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_