

1 PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT  
2 P.O. BOX 257 / 221 HWY 447  
3 NIXON, NV 8424  
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5 **PETITION FOR UNCONTESTED**  
6 **DIVORCE**  
7 **(WHEN PARTIES AGREE)**  
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9 **PACKET INCLUDES PETITION INSTRUCTIONS AND FILING PROCESS**  
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11 **ATTENTION: THIS PACKET IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY**  
12 **OR ADVOCATE. COUNSEL IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED FOR LEGAL MATTERS.**  
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14 **The laws governing the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation allow any person to represent**  
15 **him/herself in any legal action heard in the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court. However, filing**  
16 **Petitions/Application/Complaints with the Court and representing yourself in the**  
17 **Courtroom can involve complex legal matters. This packet only addresses a few legal**  
18 **issues involved in bringing your matter before Court.**  
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20 **When appearing pro se, Latin for “on one’s own behalf”, you are responsible for**  
21 **understanding the law that governs your case and for filing the correct legal documents.**  
22 **The laws and rules are set out in the Pyramid Lake Law & Order Code, the Federal Rules**  
23 **of Civil Procedure, and the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court Operational Procedures.**  
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25 **When you return to the Court and sign these documents for filing, the Court assumes**  
26 **that all documents are read carefully and all potential outcomes of litigation in this matter**  
27 **are understood.**  
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1 **\*\*BEFORE FILING IN ANY PORTION OF THE PETITION, READ ALL MATERIALS**  
2 **AND, IF NEEDED, REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM THE COURT STAFF.\*\***

- 3 1. Fill out the Petition for Contested Divorce (herein after "Petition") completely. Use  
4 blue or black ink only to fill out the forms and neatly print the information  
5 requested. DO NOT USE WITE-OUT or any other fluid/tape on the forms. The  
6 Complaint will not be accepted by the Court Personnel if correction fluid/tape is  
7 used.  
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- 9 2. On page 1, state your name as Petitioner I;
- 10 3. On page 1, state other Petitioners name on Petitioner II;
- 11 4. Read Section I and ensure it is correct; if you believe we have jurisdiction in  
12 another matter please state why;
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- 14 5. Section II: Write the date you were married;
- 15 6. Write the City and State you were married;
- 16 7. Section II: List the name(s) and date of birth(s) in question;
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- 18 8. Pg. 3: Section III: State why should have custody of minor child(ren), the amount  
19 of child support requested and who shall pay it.
- 20 9. Pg. 3: Section IV: List any community property (vehicles, homes, trailers, etc.,)  
21 that shall be divided; if none circle "is not";
- 22 10. Section V: List any community debts (credit cards, loans, etc.); if none circle "is  
23 not";
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- 25 11. Section VI: List the reason the divorce is being requested;
- 26 12. On Pg. 7. #2 write who shall be awarded custody;
- 27 13. Pg. 7. #3 write who shall pay child support, how much, who it should be paid to,  
28 and when payment shall begin.

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- 14. Pg. 8 # 4; write the amount of alimony requested; if not write \$0.00;
- 15. Pg. 8 #5; write how you request the community property to be distributed;
- 16. Pg. 8. #6; write how you request the community debt to be handled;
- 17. Pg. 10 must be completely filled out, as the Court staff are not locators of addresses. Please state mailing and physical addresses as this is necessary for proper service of complaint. **\*\*PLEASE BE ADVISED: We cannot and will not look into the Court management System to locate an address, as it is your responsibility.\*\***

18. If you plan on returning to the Courthouse to file the Petition, wait to sign the Petition (Pg. 9) in front of staff so they may sign stating that the signature was witnessed. However, if you are mailing, emailing, or faxing the Complaint, have each area designated for a signature, notarized.

19. Once the Petition is completed and ready to be filed, submit the filing fee (\$50.00). If you are submitting your Petition with an Application Waive Filing Fees (herein after: "Application") the Petition will not be filed until a decision on the Application is rendered. Should the Judge approve the Application, your petition will be filed, however, if it is denied, you will be contacted and must pay the filing fee prior to the Petition being filed. If the Application is approved, no filing fees will be assessed for thirty (30) days per Application.

*IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT AT (775) 574-1094.*

1                   **IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE**  
2                   **PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION**  
3                   **WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

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5                   **IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE**  
6                   **PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION**  
7                   **WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

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9                   \_\_\_\_\_ )           **Case No. PL.DM.DC.\_\_\_\_\_ -**  
10                **Petitioner I,**            )           **PETITION FOR UNCONTESTED**  
11                **vs.**                         )           **DIVORCE**  
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13                \_\_\_\_\_ )             
14                **Petitioner II.**            )             
                  \_\_\_\_\_ )           

15 COMES NOW, Petitioner above-named, and for cause of action alleges as follows:

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17 That we are residents of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation and, for a period of  
18 more than six weeks immediately preceding the commencement of this action, have  
19 resided and been physically present and domiciled on the Pyramid Lake Reservation,  
20 and now resides and is domiciled therein, and during all of said period of time, Petitioner  
21 has had and still has the intent to make said Reservation his/her home, residence and  
22 domicile for an indefinite period of time.  
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24 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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27    II  
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1 That the Petitioner and Respondent were duly and legally married on \_\_\_\_\_,  
2 in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, and ever since said date  
3 have been and now are, husband and wife.  
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6 III

7 That the following are the minor children at issue in this marriage;

8 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
10 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
11 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

13 and that \_\_\_\_\_ is a fit and proper person to have the  
14 care, custody and control of said minor child(ren); that the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per  
15 month (per child) is a reasonable amount for support and maintenance of said minor  
16 child(ren); that \_\_\_\_\_ is able bodied and capable of  
17 paying said sum.  
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19 IV

20 That there is/is not community property of the parties.  
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27 That there is/is not community debt of the parties.  
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That Petitioner and Respondent are incompatible in marriage and that there is no possibility of reconciliation because: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREFORE**, Petitioner prays judgment as follows:

1. That the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between Petitioner and Respondent be dissolved, set aside and forever be held for naught, and that the parties hereto, and each of them, be restored to their single, unmarried status.
2. That the care, custody and control of the minor child(ren) be awarded to: \_\_\_\_\_
3. That the \_\_\_\_\_ be ordered to pay \_\_\_\_\_ for the support of the minor child(ren) of the parties, the total sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, beginning

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\_\_\_\_\_ and each and every month thereafter until such  
child reaches the age of eighteen or \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. That the Petitioner be awarded the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month  
for alimony for the support and maintenance of the Petitioner and that  
Respondent is an able bodied person and capable of paying said sum.

5. Request specific distribution of the community property as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Request that the community debts as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper in  
the premises.

Done and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner I

Done and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner II

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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Notary Public/Court Clerk

**VERIFICATION**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, under penalty of perjury, makes the following assertions: That I am the Petitioner, in the above-entitled action; that I have read the foregoing PETITION FOR DIVORCE and know the contents thereof; that the same is true of my own knowledge, except for those matters therein contained stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Done and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner I

Done and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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Petitioner II

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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Notary Public/Court Clerk



