

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

PETITIONER (Father)

RESPONDENT (Mother)

CHILD(REN)'S
NAMES

CASE NO: _____

FILE NO: _____

PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION

COMES NOW, _____, Petitioner in the above-styled action, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-7-22 & 15-11-11, and files this Petition for Legitimation of Children based upon the following facts:

1. The children are the subject of a pending deprivation matter in the Fulton County Juvenile Court.
2. The children are residents of Fulton County, Georgia or the mother is a resident of Fulton County, Georgia or the legal custodian of the children resides in Fulton County, Georgia.
3. Petitioner is the natural and biological father of the children with the following listed dates & locations of birth:

Name

DOB

Location of Birth

4. The biological mother of the children is, _____.
The mother / respondent has been served with a copy of this Petition by mail at her address of: _____
_____ OR the mother / respondent has executed an Acknowledgment of Service, Waiver of Objections and Consent to this Legitimation.

5. Father / Petitioner desires to legitimate the aforementioned children and that the children be declared the legitimate children of the Petitioner. Petitioner desires that the children be capable of inheriting from him in the same manner as if born in lawful wedlock and that the Petitioner have the same rights and obligations to the children in the same manner as if the children had been born in lawful wedlock.

6. Father / Petitioner alleges this petition for Legitimation is in the best interest of the children because:

- ☐ The legitimation by the Father will promote the familial relationship and connection;
- ☐ The legitimation by the Father will promote paternal family resources for the children;
- ☐ The Father will pay child support;
- ☐ The Father will provide insurance coverage for the children;

- ☐ The Father will visit and be a placement resource for the children;
- ☐ The children will have inheritance rights from the father.
- ☐ Other _____

7. Father / Petitioner requests that the names of the children be changed as follows:

From _____

To _____

From _____

To _____

From _____

To _____

to reflect the legitimation by the Father / Petitioner.

WHEREFORE, the Father / Petitioner requests the following relief:

(A) That the minor children be declared the legitimate children of Father / Petitioner, capable of inheriting from Father / Petitioner in the same manner as if born in wedlock;

(B) That the names of the child(ren) be changed:

From _____

To _____

From _____

To _____

From _____

To _____

and that the birth certificates and all other documents maintained by the Bureau of Vital Statistics and the Department of Human Resources be changed to reflect the Father / Petitioner as natural and legitimate Father of the children;

(C) That the Father / Petitioner have such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

Respectfully submitted,

Father / Petitioner

Address & Telephone of Father / Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

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CONSENT TO LEGITIMATION

Personally appeared before the undersigned an officer of the State of Georgia, duly commissioned to administer oaths, the mother / respondent herein, who after being sworn, states as follows:

1. I have received a copy of the Petition for Legitimation in the above-styled case.
2. I am sui juris and of sound mind.
3. I have read the aforesaid Petition, I have understood it and I freely and fully consent to this Court granting to the Father / Petitioner the relief he seeks in his Petition for Legitimation.
4. I have NO objections to the Petition for Legitimation being granted.
5. Affiant says nothing further.

Mother / Respondent
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WAIVER OF SERVICE

The undersigned Respondent in the above-styled Petition for Legitimation of Minor Child, hereby acknowledges personal service of said Petition, all additional service is hereby waived except service of pleadings asserting new or additional claims for relief.

Mother / Respondent
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

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ORDER FOR LEGITIMATION

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-7-22 & 15-11-11, the above-styled matter came before this Court and after consideration of the evidence presented and the pleadings,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,

1. The following children

Name

DOB

Location of Birth

shall be declared the legitimate children of the father / petitioner, _____.

2. Legitimation by the father / petitioner is in the best interest of the children because:

- ☐ The legitimation by the Father will promote the familial relationship and connection;
- ☐ The legitimation by the Father will promote paternal family resources for the children;
- ☐ The Father will pay child support;
- ☐ The Father will provide insurance coverage for the children;
- ☐ The Father will visit and be a placement resource for the children;
- ☐ The children will have inheritance rights from the father.
- ☐ Other

3. That the children's names shall be changed upon request of the father / petitioner as follows:

From _____

To _____

From _____

To _____

From _____

To _____

to reflect the legitimation by the father / petitioner.

4. The father's name shall be changed as it appears on the children's birth certificate(s)

From _____

To _____

5. That the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Georgia Department of Human Resources and all other agencies are hereby Ordered to amend the record and reissue the birth certificate to reflect the children's legitimation by the father / petitioner and the name changes of the children.

6. That the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Georgia Department of Human Resources and all other agencies are hereby Ordered to amend the record and reissue the birth certificate of the said children list above to reflect that petitioner _____ is the father of said children.

7. That the children are capable of inheriting from the father/petitioner in the same manner as if born in wedlock.

8. That the father / petitioner has all the obligations and rights to the children as their legitimate father.

9. The father / petitioner is hereby directed to report the Fulton Office of Child Support Services located at:

1526 East Forrest Ave, Suite 300
East Point, GA 30344

Phone: 1-877-423-4746

Website: <http://ocse.dhr.georgia.gov>

Email: AtlantaCSS@dhr.state.ga.us

10. The father/petitioner is hereby directed to report the Fulton Office of Child Support Services by _____ and failure to report to the Office of Child Support Services may result in the father / petitioner being held in Contempt.

SO ORDERED this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

JUDGE
FULTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

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ORDER DENYING LEGITIMATION

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-7-22 & 15-11-11, the above-styled matter came before this Court and after consideration of the evidence presented and the pleadings,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Petition for Legitimation is **DENIED**, and the case is **DISMISSED**.

SO ORDERED this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

JUDGE
FULTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT