

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

CASE NO: _____

DIVISION: _____

**VERIFIED PETITION TO DOMESTICATE AND ENFORCE
OUT-OF-STATE CUSTODY DECREE**

___ **EMERGENCY PETITION** (✓ if appropriate)

COMES NOW, the Petitioner, with this Verified Petition to Domesticate and Enforce Out-of-State Custody Decree, and in support thereof states the following:

1. This action filed by the Petitioner requests this Court to recognize and enforce an out-of-state custody decree and is filed pursuant to Section 61, Part II, Florida Statutes (the “ Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act” or UCCJEA).
2. Petitioner is the (✓ **which one**) ___ **Mother** ___ **Father** of the minor child(ren) below:

<u>Names(s)</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
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a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

(The Petitioner may attach a separate sheet to list this information, if necessary)

3. Respondent is the (✓ **which one**) ___ **Mother** ___ **Father** of the minor child(ren) above.
4. Petitioner lives at: (address, city, state): _____

5. Respondent lives at: (address, city, state): _____

6. An out-of-state custody decree/order was entered on (date) _____ from
(county and state court) _____.

A certified copy of this decree/order is attached to this petition.

7. The decree/order gave (✓ **which one**) ____ **Custody** ____ **Visitation** of the child(ren) to the
Petitioner as follows (describe custody/visitation arrangement): _____

8. During the past five years, the child(ren) has/have lived at the following addresses with the
following person(s):

Date:	From	To	Address	Person/Custodian
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(Petitioner may attach a separate sheet to list these addresses, if necessary)

9. The Petitioner (✓ **which one**) ____ **has** ____ **has not** participated as a party or witness in any other custody proceeding regarding the minor child(ren). List the proceeding(s) that exist, if any:

Name of Child: _____

Type of Proceeding: _____

County and State: _____

Date of Decree/Order: _____

Case Number: _____

10. The Petitioner (✓ **which one**) ____ **knows of** ____ **does not know** of any other custody proceeding regarding the minor child(ren). List the proceeding(s) that exist, if any:

Name of Child: _____

Type of Proceeding: _____

County and State: _____

Date of Decree/Order: _____

Case Number: _____

11. The Petitioner (✓ **which one**) ____ **knows of** ____ **does not know** of any person other than the parties to this proceeding who claims a legal or physical custody right to the child(ren). If such a person exists, list that person below:

Person claiming Custody/Visitation: _____

Address: _____

Child(s) Name: _____

12. The child is a resident of the State of _____ (the state where the child has been living for the last 6 months continuously).

16. The child(ren) is/are described as follows:

a. Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____
Distinguishing Characteristics: _____

b. Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____
Distinguishing Characteristics: _____

c. Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____
Distinguishing Characteristics: _____

(Petitioner may attach a separate sheet to list this information, if necessary)

17. This Court can exercise jurisdiction over this case because:

_____ The child(ren) has/have lived in this county for at least the past six months;

_____ An emergency exists whereby the child(ren) is/are being abused / neglected / abandoned, or the child(ren) was/were removed from the Petitioner contrary to the attached order.

18. It is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) for this Court to exercise jurisdiction over this case and to accept and enforce the attached order accordingly.

19. Along with the enforcement of the attached custody decree/order, the Petitioner would request the following relief:

_____ Reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred in enforcing the attached order, including attorney's fees and court costs, pursuant to section 61.1332(2) Florida Statutes;

_____ Other: _____

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court enter an order:

FOR NON EMERGENCY PETITIONS:

_____ Accepting and enforcing the attached out-of-state custody/divorce decree;

_____ Authorizing law enforcement officials to pick-up the child;

_____ Awarding the Petitioner her expenses for having to bring this action, including attorney's fees and court costs ;

_____ Any and all other relief deemed in the best interests of the minor child(ren).

FOR EMERGENCY PETITIONS:

_____ Accepting and enforcing the attached out-of-state custody/divorce decree on an emergency basis;

_____ Accepting and enforcing the attached out-of-state custody/divorce decree without requiring the Petitioner to give notice of the Petition to the Respondent;

_____ Authorizing law enforcement officials to pick-up the child;

_____ Awarding the Petitioner his/her expenses for having to bring this action, including attorney’s fees and court costs;

_____ Any and all other relief deemed in the best interest of the minor child.

Signature of Party

Printed Name

Address

City, State, Zip

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____)

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me on (date) _____ 20 ____ by
{name}_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA

_____ Personally known
_____ Produced identification
Type of identification produced

Print or type name of notary
Commission expires: