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**SUPERIOR COURT  
WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

In re the Petition of:  
SMITH, JANE  
(LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)  
  
Petitioner,

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

PETITION FOR ORDER  
RECOGNIZING CHANGE OF  
GENDER AND GENDER MARKER

**PETITION FOR ORDER RECOGNIZING CHANGE OF GENDER AND  
GENDER MARKER**

**I. RELIEF REQUESTED**

COMES NOW, JANE SMITH petitioning the court for the entry  
of an order recognizing the change to the Petitioner's gender and gender marker from  
MALE to FEMALE for the purpose of amending identity related documents.

**II. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The Petitioner states the following under the penalty of perjury:

1. Petitioner is of legal age and sound mind to present this petition.
2. Petitioner was born on 02/01/1987.
3. Petitioner was born in SILVERDALE, WA.
4. The Petitioner has received medical treatment for gender dysphoria and does not identify with the gender assigned at birth.
5. The current gender and gender marker of the Petitioner are no longer appropriate for the lived experience of the Petitioner.

- 1 6. The Petitioner has met the standards of Washington state for a change of gender.
- 2 7. The Petitioner has included a medical letter attesting to this gender change treatment.
- 3 8. The Petitioner is a resident of JEFFERSON COUNTY.
- 4 9. The Petitioner received a name change order on 01/01/19 in JEFFERSON  
5 County District Court changing the Petitioner's legal name from  
6 JOSEPH JAMES SMITH to  
7 JANE ANN SMITH.
- 8 10. The Petitioner is not required to register as a sex offender.
- 9 11. The Petitioner is not an offender under the jurisdiction of the Department of  
10 Corrections.
- 11 12. The Petitioner declares this petition is not made for any illegal or fraudulent purpose.
- 12 13. The Petitioner declares this petition will not be detrimental to the interests of  
13 anyone else.

### 13 **III. STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

14 At issue is whether the Court should grant the Petitioner an Order recognizing the  
15 medical change of gender and gender marker of the Petitioner.

### 16 **IV: EVIDENCE RELIED UPON**

17 This Petition relies upon the evidence included in the Statement of Facts made by the  
18 Petitioner and the information included in the medical letter provided by the  
19 Petitioner.

### 20 **V. AUTHORITY AND ARGUMENT**

21 1. Authority to Grant Gender Marker Change: RCW 2.08.010 empowers the  
22 Washington Superior Courts to have jurisdiction to hear "such special cases and  
23 proceedings as are not otherwise provided for" for the residents of the county in  
24 which they reside. This hearing is this type of special case which is not  
25 otherwise provided for in the state rules. Washington state primarily addresses  
26 gender and gender marker changes through administrative processes with the Department  
27 of Licensing. To update gender identity information on a state issued ID, a person must  
28 provide a medical certification and update form to the Department of Licensing. To  
update gender on a birth certificate, a person must complete a form from Vital Statistics.

1 The acceptable administrative standard for gender change in Washington state is a  
2 certification from a medical provider or counselor that the person has undergone  
3 appropriate clinical treatment for a change of gender. The Petitioner has completed all  
4 necessary treatment to qualify for a gender change under these administrative  
5 procedures.

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7 A court order is not needed in Washington for a resident to receive a change of  
8 gender and gender marker. However, in the situation of the Petitioner, obtaining such a  
9 court order would further facilitate the Petitioner's ability to obtain corrected identity  
10 related documents which require such an Order as well as a corrected Passport. Local  
11 Superior Court Judges are the only authority which can issue such Gender Change  
12 Recognition Orders.

13 2. No Prohibition: Washington law does not prohibit the court from issuing an order  
14 which recognizes a Petitioner's change of gender and gender marker.

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16 **I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE**  
17 **OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS IN THIS PETITION**  
18 **ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.**

19 Signed at SILVERDALE, WA, on JUNE 1, 2019.

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21 JANE SMITH

22 Petitioner Signature

23 JANE SMITH

24 Petitioner Printed Name

25 Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
26 Court Clerk

27 123456 7<sup>TH</sup> Av

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MARKER FOR VITAL RECORDS  
AMENDMENT

**ORDER RECOGNIZING CHANGE OF GENDER AND GENDER MARKER**

On this date, the petition of JANE SMITH is presented, and the Court, from the petition filed herein, the testimony given, and other proof before the Court, finds:

The petitioner has shown reasonable cause for the issuance of an order recognizing a change of sex, gender and gender marker for vital records amendment.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the sex, gender and gender marker of JANE SMITH be henceforth changed from “MALE” to “FEMALE” and “M” to “F.”

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the petition filed here in and this order be entered by the Clerk upon the record of this Court.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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JUDGE/COMMISSIONER