

SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

Civil Action

vs.

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

**PETITION FOR REGISTRATION OF SUPPORT ORDER  
AND MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am representing myself in this petition. In support of my case, I state the following:

1. **Jurisdiction and Venue:**

*[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]*

- (a) The Respondent is a resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- (b) The Respondent is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia, but I live in Gwinnett County. The Respondent has acknowledged service of process and consented to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

2. **Service of Process:** The Respondent shall be served as provided under OCGA § 9-11-4, in the following manner:

*[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]*

- (a) The Respondent has acknowledged service of process. I am filing the *Acknowledgment of Service* (which has been signed by the Respondent) with this Petition.
- (b) The Respondent may be served by the Sheriff's Department at the Respondent's  home  work address, which is

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

(b-1) *[Check only if the Respondent resides outside of Gwinnett County.]* The Respondent resides outside of Gwinnett County, and shall therefore be served by second original, as provided under OCGA § 9-10-72. Service shall be made by the Sheriff's Department in the county where the Respondent resides.

3. **Prior Order for Child Support:** On \_\_\_\_\_, the Superior Court of \_\_\_\_\_, County in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, Civil Action File Number \_\_\_\_\_ issued an order awarding child support to the  Petitioner  Respondent \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_. See attached two copies, including one certified copy, of the order marked Exhibit A and Exhibit B.  
*[Check all that apply.]*

(a) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the income or financial status of the  Petitioner  Respondent which  increases  decreases his/her ability to pay the amount of child support previously awarded. Specifically, at the time that the order was issued the  Petitioner  Respondent was earning \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her earnings have  increased  decreased to \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the income or financial status of the  Petitioner  Respondent which  increases  decreases his/her ability to provide for the minor child. Specifically, at the time that the order was issued the  Petitioner  Respondent was earning \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her earnings have  increased  decreased to \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_.

(c) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the needs of the children as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(d) Since that date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. I have not filed a petition for modification within two years of the filing of this petition.

THEREFORE, I request the following relief:

*[Check all that apply.]*

- (a) That the attached Support Order be registered and filed as a foreign judgment;
- (b) That the Court serve notice upon the Respondent and provide him/her with an opportunity to contest the validity of the registered order;
- (c) That the order awarding child support be  increased  decreased  terminated;
- (d) That \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;
- (e) That a Rule Nisi be scheduled by the Court to decide on the relief I have requested;
- (f) That the Court order the parties to participate in mediation to try to resolve this matter;
- (g) That the Respondent be required to pay all costs of this action; and
- (h) That the Court order any and all other relief that the Court finds appropriate.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner, Pro se (*Signature*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_