

SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner,
v.

Civil Action
File No.: _____

Respondent.

**PETITION FOR REGISTRATION, CONTEMPT AND
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDER**

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

1. **Jurisdiction and Venue:**

The Respondent is a resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

2. **Service of Process:** The Respondent shall be served as provided under OCGA § 9-11-4, by the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department at the Respondent's home work address, which is

3. **Prior Out-of-State Order for Child Support:**

Another state entered a prior order concerning child support. The information concerning that order is as follows:

Date of Order: _____

State: _____
County: _____
Court's Name: _____
Case Number: _____

Party ordered to pay child support: _____
Amount of child support: _____

This Order has not been modified. 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 _____ which increases decreases his/her ability to pay the amount of child support previously awarded.

(b) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the needs of the children as follows:

_____.

4. **Prior Out-of-State Order for Alimony:**

Another state entered a prior order concerning child support. The information concerning that order is as follows:

Date of Order: _____
State: _____
County: _____
Court's Name: _____
Case Number: _____

Party ordered to pay alimony: _____

Amount of alimony: _____

This Order has not been modified. See attached two copies, including one certified copy, of the Order.

[Check all that apply.]

(a) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the income or financial status of the _____ which increases decreases his/her ability to pay the amount of alimony previously awarded.

(b) The Respondent is voluntarily cohabiting with a third party of the opposite sex in a meretricious relationship.

5. **Domestication:**

As of the date of this filing, Petitioner seeks to register/domesticate this foreign child support order and further swears that Respondent has not paid child support as ordered.

6. **Contempt:**

Petitioner further swears and shows that to date, Respondent owes a child support arrearage of: \$ _____. [If you do not know the arrears and/or a separate agency is handling child support, you may attach a certified statement of custodian of records documenting the amount of child support owed instead].

7. The Respondent is able to do what the Court ordered, but has willfully refused to do so. Therefore, I am asking for an order finding the Respondent in willful contempt and establishing the amount of arrears owed.

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 a Rule Nisi be scheduled by the Court to decide on the relief I have requested;
- (d) That the order awarding child support be increased decreased terminated;
- (e) That the order awarding alimony be increased decreased terminated;
- (f) That the Respondent be held in contempt for his/her failure to comply with the Court's order;
- (g) That the Court order the parties to participate in mediation to try to resolve this matter;
- (h) That the Respondent be required to pay all costs of this action; and
- (i) That the Court order any and all other relief that the Court finds appropriate.

Dated: _____

 Petitioner *Pro se* [signature]

Name: _____

Address: _____

 City, State ZIP

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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VERIFICATION

I am the Petitioner filing this action. I swear or affirm that I have read the *Petition for Registration, Contempt and Modification of Support* and that the facts contained within my *Complaint* are true and correct.

Petitioner *[signature]*

SWORN AND AFFIRMED before me this
____ day of _____ 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC