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| STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  COUNTY OF {'COUNTY OF ACTION] | IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  [FILE NUMBER] |
| [PLAINTIFF NAME],  Plaintiff,  v.  [DEFENDANT NAME],  Defendant. | **COMPLAINT FOR**  **ABSOLUTE DIVORCE** |

Plaintiff, complaining of Defendant, alleges as follows:

Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of [Plaintiff County] County, [Plaintiff State].

Defendant is a citizen and resident of [Defendant County] County, [Defendant State].

Plaintiff and Defendant were married to each other on [Date of Marriage’ format “MM d, yyyy”], and lived together as husband and wife until {‘Date of Separation’ format “MM d, yyyy”}, when they separated with the intent to remain permanently separated.

Since {‘Date of Separation’ format “MM d, yyyy”}, Plaintiff and Defendant have continued to live separate and apart from the other, and at no time have they resumed the marital relation which formerly existed between them.

[‘6 month residency’ is “Plaintiff”Plaintiff has been a resident of the State of North Carolina for six months next preceding the commencement of this action.]

[‘6 month residency’ is “Defendant”Defendant has been a resident of North Carolina for six months next preceding the commencement of this action.]

['Defendant in military' is “No”Defendant is not an infant, an incompetent, or a member of the armed services.]

['Defendant in military' is “Yes”Defendant is not an infant or an incompetent, but Defendant is a member of the armed services. Defendant’s rights under the Soldiers’ and Saliors’ Relief Act have been honored.]

[NumberChildren is 0There were no children born of the marriage.]

[NumberChildren IsLessThan 2There was one child born of the marriage; to wit: {‘Child Name’ format Proper}, born {‘Child Date of Birth’ format “MM d, yyyy”}.]

[NumberChildren IsAtLeast 2There were {‘NumberChildren’ format “words”} children born of the marriage, to wit: [Repeat NumberChildren Punctuation “, | and|”{‘Child Name’ format Proper}, born {‘Child Date of Birth’ format “MM d, yyyy”}{Mark}]].

[NumberChildren isatleast 1Plaintiff’s social security number is xxx-xx-{‘Plaintiff SSN’}.

Defendant’s social security number is xxx-xx-{‘Defendant SSN’}.]

[‘MaidenName’Plaintiff desires to resume the use of her maiden name, {‘Maiden Name’ format Proper}, and therefore applies for a name change pursuant to N.C.G.S 50-12.]

This is an action for absolute divorce based upon the separation of the parties for more than one (1) year.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court:

Dissolve the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Plaintiff and Defendant and grant Plaintiff an absolute divorce from Defendant;

[‘MaidenName’Allow Plaintiff to resume the use of her maiden name, {‘Maiden Name’ format Proper};]

Tax the costs of this action against Plaintiff; and

Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

This is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of DATE \@ "MMMM" \\* MERGEFORMAT January, DATE \@ "yyyy" \\* MERGEFORMAT 2020.

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{‘Plaintiff Name’}

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF {'COUNTY OF ACTION' format upper}

**Verification**

{‘Plaintiff Name’ format proper} , being first duly sworn, does depose and say that [‘Plaintiff Gender’ is “Male”he ELSE she] is the Plaintiff in the above entitled action; that [‘Plaintiff Gender’ is “Male”he ELSE she] has read the foregoing document and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of [‘Plaintiff Gender’ is “Male”his ELSE her] own knowledge, except to those matters and things stated upon information and belief, and as to those [‘Plaintiff Gender’ is “Male”he ELSE she] believes them to be true.

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{‘Plaintiff Name’ format proper}

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of DATE \@ "MMMM" \\* MERGEFORMAT January, DATE \@ "yyyy" \\* MERGEFORMAT 2020.

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*Official Signature of Notary Public*

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_