

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, MISSOURI

In Re the Marriage of:

SSN:

Petitioner,

v.

SSN:

Respondent.

Case No.

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

WHEREAS, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_, this Court entered a Judgment establishing Respondent's/Petitioner's child support obligation to Respondent/Petitioner for the support of \_\_\_\_\_, and

WHEREAS, Petitioner/Respondent is obligated to pay child support to \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_.\_\_) per month, and

WHEREAS, a Motion for Contempt and Entry of Appropriate Order as been filed by Petitioner/Respondent charging that the Petitioner/Respondent, \_\_\_\_\_, has willfully failed and refused to pay child support to Petitioner/Respondent, as ordered, for the months of \_\_\_\_\_ and/through \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the Motion for Contempt alleges that the obligor is aware of the obligation and arrearage and the offense is of sufficient gravity to warrant jail time, and

WHEREAS, the Motion for Contempt alleges that conventional collection remedies have not secured compliance *OR* that conventional collection remedies are not likely to secure compliance by reason of one or more of the following:

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WHEREFORE, IT IS THE ORDER OF THIS COURT, that you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
immediately pay child support arrearages to Petitioner/Respondent in the amount of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (\$\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_),

IT IS FURTHER THE ORDER OF THIS COURT, that you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
be and appear before the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Missouri, Division \_\_\_\_\_, on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ and then and there to show cause, if any  
you have, why you should not be held in contempt of court and why judgment for contempt  
should not be entered against you in accordance with the Motion for Contempt heretofore filed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

Judge, Div. \_\_

#### NOTICE TO THE OBLIGOR

**At the hearing you may demonstrate that you are not in contempt by showing that you are not able to make the required payments *OR* comply with the order(s) of this Court as set out above. If the Court determines you have the ability to pay (*Or* comply), you may be deprived of your physical liberty and incarcerated. If you are indigent, you may have the right to appointed counsel. In order to qualify for such assistance, you must submit the attached form to the Circuit Clerk on or before the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.**