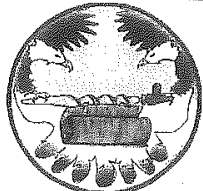


<b>LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS</b>  <b>Tribal Court</b>	
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Phone: (231) 242-1462

Case No: C-153-1112

<b>Petitioner:</b>  Melissa Marie Chartier P.O. Box 263 Petoskey, Michigan 49770
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v.

<b>Respondent:</b>  David Keith Chartier 1750 Horton Bay Road Petoskey, Michigan 49770
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**ORDER OF SIMPLE DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

On May 7, 2013, a scheduling conference was held regarding a petition for the dissolution of marriage, the Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado presiding. At this hearing, Petitioner and Respondent were present.

At the scheduling conference, Petitioner and Respondent informed the Court that there were no disagreements between the two parties and that instead of a scheduling conference the parties would prefer an adjudication of the matter in the instant. The Court agreed and took the testimony which is the basis of this opinion.

**JURISDICTION**

The Court finds that it has jurisdiction over this divorce proceeding for the Dissolution of Marriage between the Parties. The Dissolution of Marriage Statute requires that at least one party to the proceeding is a Tribal citizen and has been a bona fide resident of the Tribal jurisdiction for a period of at least 180 days prior to the filing of the action. Section III, Waganakising Odawak Statute 2008-007, Dissolution of Marriage. Petitioner is a Tribal Citizen and has been a resident of 1750 Horton Bay Road, Petoskey, Michigan which is within the Tribal jurisdiction for a period of at least 180 days prior to this action. Therefore, this Court has jurisdiction to dissolve the Petitioner's marriage.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Petitioner is a LTBB Tribal Citizen, Enrollment Number 0823;
2. The Parties were married on June 18, 1994, in Petoskey, Michigan;
3. The Parties have two minor children, Miranda Colleen Chartier and David Dennis Chartier;
4. The Parties agree that their marriage has broken down irretrievably and that there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**


The Court finds that the marriage between Petitioner and Respondent has broken down irretrievably and that there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved. The Court decrees that the dissolution of their marriage is granted without fault pursuant to WOS 13.205.

**WHEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED:**

1. A decree of divorce between Petitioner and Respondent is hereby **GRANTED**. The marriage is dissolved and the Parties are divorced.
2. Each Party is awarded the items of personal property in his or her possession, free and clear of any claim by the other party.
3. Petitioner's former name is restored to her and is legally changed from Melissa Marie Chartier to Melissa Marie Dennis.
4. The Parties requested, and the Court is granting, that no change will be made in status regarding their joint residence at 1750 Horton Bay Road, Petoskey. Both parties will remain on the title and the mortgage. Therefore, both parties are responsible for all mortgages, taxes and liens related to the property.
5. The Parties requested, and the Court is granting, joint physical and legal custody of the children as agreed to by the Parties. Should the Parties later have a dispute regarding joint physical or legal custody of the children this Court retains jurisdiction to hear said dispute.

This judgment of divorce is final on the date this written judgment is filed with and entered by the Court.

5/22/13  
Date

  
Allie Greenleaf Maldonado,  
Chief Judge  
LTBB Tribal Court

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that on this date copies of this *Order*, along with the documents referenced herein, were served on the parties by first-class mail to the address shown above.

5-22-13  
Date

  
Tribal Court Officer