**MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH**

_____ Plaintiff

☐ individually **and** on behalf of:

_____

_____

☐ on behalf of:

_____

_____

V.

_____ Defendant

☐ on behalf of:

_____

DISTRICT COURT
Location (Town): _____
Docket No.: _____

**PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO EXTEND ORDER FOR PROTECTION**
☐ **With request for modification of extended order**
19-A M.R.S. § 4111, 5 M.R.S. § 4655(2)

**PLEASE NOTE: You must file form PA-027 if you are filing this electronically. Failure to do so will result in rejection of the Motion.**

1. I obtained an Order for Protection against the defendant from this court.
   ☐ That Order has not expired and will expire on (*mm/dd/yyyy*) _____.
   or
   ☐ The Order expired on (*mm/dd/yyyy)* _____. I did not file this motion before the Order for Protection expired because: _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

   (*If your motion is filed after the Order of Protection expired, the court may extend your order only if the court finds that there was good cause for filing the motion after the order's expiration and that the motion was filed within a reasonable amount of time*.)

2. I believe that an extension of the Order for Protection is necessary to protect me and/or my minor child(ren) for the following reasons:

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   _____

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**THEREFORE, I ask the court to:**

(a) Extend my Order for Protection against the defendant for (*length of extension requested*):

_____.

(b) ☐ I also request that my extended Order for Protection be changed or modified as follows:

(c) If a hearing on this motion cannot be held before the Order for Protection expires, I ask the court to continue the Order in effect until the hearing on this motion to extend.

☐ I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that these statements are made for use as evidence in court and that I am subject to prosecution for perjury punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to $5,000.00 if I give false information to the court.

Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____ ▶ _____
Signature of Plaintiff

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are not filing this motion electronically, you must have a clerk or notary sign below.** If you are filing this complaint electronically, you may file it without notarization as long as you checked off the above certification and signed this document.

**STATE OF MAINE**

COUNTY _____

Personally appeared the above named, _____ , and made oath that the foregoing statements are true under penalty of perjury.

Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____ ▶ _____
☐ Clerk ☐ Notary Public ☐ Attorney

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## NOTICE OF HEARING

The parties are notified that the hearing in this matter is set for (*mm/dd/yyyy*) _____ at _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM at the court located at: _____.

**IMPORTANT WARNING: If you fail to appear at court at the above stated time, or at any time the court notifies you to do so, the court may extend the Order for Protection in your absence.** The court may grant any or all the relief requested by the plaintiff. A violation of a protection order may constitute a Class D crime or contempt of court. If you intend to oppose this motion to extend, do not fail to appear at the required time. You may obtain a booklet of information about protection from abuse/harassment cases from the court or on the court's website.

## EX PARTE ORDER EXTENDING ORDER FOR PROTECTION

☐ Plaintiff filed the motion to extend **before** expiration of the underlying Order for Protection.

☐ The hearing on the motion to extend is scheduled **after the expiration** of the underlying Order for Protection. The court hereby extends the Order for Protection until the hearing on the motion to extend; or

☐ The hearing on the motion to extend is scheduled **before the expiration** of the underlying Order for Protection. If the court reschedules the hearing to a date after the expiration of the Order for Protection, the Order will automatically be extended until the hearing on the motion to extend.

OR

☐ Plaintiff filed the motion to extend **after** expiration of the underlying Order for Protection.

☐ The court hereby reinstates the expired Order for Protection until a hearing on the motion to extend because the Court finds, pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 4111(1-A), that: (1) the plaintiff has shown good cause for filing the motion to extend after expiration of the Order for Protection, and (2) the motion to extend was filed within a reasonable amount of time based upon the underlying circumstances; or

☐ The court does not reinstate the expired Order for Protection because the plaintiff has not shown that the requirements of 19-A M.R.S. § 4111(1-A) have been met.

Please note that if the Order for Protection is reinstated or extended until the hearing on the motion to extend, violation of the Order may be a Class D crime only if the defendant has prior actual notice of the extension.

Copies of this Order shall be furnished by the clerk to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the location of the plaintiff's residence.

It is ORDERED that a copy of this Order be served on the defendant by: _____.
*(law enforcement agency)*

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Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____ ▶ _____
Judge, District Court

**RETURN OF SERVICE**

On (*mm/dd/yyyy*) _____ at _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM, I made service of the Motion to Extend Order for Protection/Order of Extension by delivering a copy in hand to the defendant at:

_____

_____

Defendant's date of birth (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____

Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____ ▶ _____
Authorized Officer signature

_____
Authorized Officer printed name

_____
Law Enforcement Agency

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