

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Unit

Docket No.

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In re Adoption of :

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Petition to Adopt Minor Child

I/We ask the Court to permit me/us to adopt the minor child named above. I/We swear or affirm under oath that the facts set forth below are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief:

Part I: General Information

1) Information About the Minor Child to be Adopted:

<i>Child's full birth name or current legal name</i>	<i>Minor's DOB</i>	<i>Time of Birth</i> _____ AM _____ PM
<i>Name by which child will be known after adoption</i>	<i>Gender of Minor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
<i>Town and State where child was born</i>		
<i>Describe any assets or property owned by the child and the value of each asset:</i>		

2) Petitioner Information:

<i>Name of Petitioner A</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>DOB</i>	
<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
<i>Town and State of Residence</i>	<i>Last Name at Birth</i>		
<i>Length of Residence at current address:</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>		
<i>Describe your relationship to the child:</i>			
<i>Occupation:</i>	<i>Annual income:</i>		
I have the resources and the facilities to provide care and support for this child: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<i>Marital Status:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> In a Civil Union <input type="checkbox"/> Single and never married <input type="checkbox"/> Single and divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/partner deceased			
<i>If married, has spouse been judicially determined to be incompetent?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<i>Date of most recent pre-placement evaluation:</i>			
<i>Name of Petitioner B, if any</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>DOB</i>	
<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>

<i>Town and State of Residence</i>	<i>Maiden Name</i>
<i>Length of Residence at current address:</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<i>Describe your relationship to the child:</i>	
<i>Occupation:</i>	<i>Annual income:</i>
<i>Marital Status:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> In a Civil Union <input type="checkbox"/> Single and never married <input type="checkbox"/> Single and divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/partner deceased	
<i>If married, has spouse been judicially determined to be incompetent?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<i>Date of most recent pre-placement evaluation:</i>	

- 3) I state that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the minor is is not Native American or of Native American heritage. (check appropriate box)
- 4) I state to the best of my knowledge and belief, any law governing interstate or inter-country placement which applies to this adoption has been complied with.

5) **Information about the biological parents:** *provide all information that you know about*

<i>Name of Biological Parent A</i>			
<i>Address</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
<i>Mailing Address if different</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>		

<i>Name of the other Biological Parent (Parent B)</i>			
<i>Address</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
<i>Mailing Address if different</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>		

I do not know some or all of the information about the other parent because (briefly explain why):

Were the parents married at the time of the child's birth?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
If no, were either or both of the parents married to someone else?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
Are the parents divorced?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
If yes, how was custody (parental rights) awarded?	<input type="checkbox"/> To Parent A <input type="checkbox"/> To Parent B <input type="checkbox"/> Jointly to both <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

6) **Consent, Relinquishment or Disclaimer of Parental Interest:**

- a) The following person(s) has/have signed a consent, relinquishment or disclaimer of parental interest:

Name	Relationship to Child	Type of Document Signed

b) The following person(s) has a parental relationship that has not been terminated and a consent or relinquishment may be required:

Name	Relationship to Child	Facts that may explain lack of consent

7) Prior Adoption Petitions

a) I have previously filed an adoption petition in another court: Yes No

b) If yes, describe what happened to your petition:

8) Prior or Pending Court Proceedings Involving this Child

Describe any Court proceedings or Court Orders related to this child concerning child support, custody (parental rights and responsibilities) or visitation (parent child contact). Use additional sheets if necessary

Name of Court	Docket No.	Type of Court Proceeding

9) Current Residence of Minor Child

The child has resided with the petitioner(s) since

The child was placed with petitioner by an agency. The name and address of the agency is:

The child was placed with petitioner by The relationship between the child and this person is:

The child is **not** currently residing with the petitioner(s) because:

10) Legal Custody of Minor

I/We have legal custody of the minor: Yes No

If yes, describe the circumstances under which you obtained custody of the minor:

11) Home Study

<input type="checkbox"/> A home study is being prepared by:	<i>Name and Address of Preparer</i>
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I intend to request a waiver of the home study: Yes No

If you are requesting a waiver, you must attach a letter to the court explaining why a waiver would be appropriate.

Part II. Persons Interested in Adoption Proceeding

1. Mother of child	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town of Residence</i>
2. Husband of mother, if the child was born during the marriage or within 300 days after its termination	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town of Residence</i>
3. Name of biological father identified by mother	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town of Residence</i>
4. Any other man who was not married to the mother at the time of the child's birth, but has acknowledged paternity and has demonstrated a parental relationship to the child and financial responsibility for the child	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town of Residence</i>
5. Name of the child's legal guardian	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town of Residence</i>
6. Name of Agency or Person who placed child with petitioners	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Mailing Address</i>	

Part III. Documents Attached to the Petition

Petitioner(s) must make reasonable efforts to obtain the following documents and file them with the petition:

A. Originals or Certified Copies of:

- Child's birth certificate or other record of date and place of birth;
- Any consent, relinquishment, order terminating parental rights or disclaimer of parental interest that have been executed;
- Written certification required of person before whom the consent or relinquishment was executed;
- Each parent or former parent's marriage certificate, decree of divorce, annulment or dissolution, or agreement of legal separation;
- Any court order determining the former parent's incompetence;
- Any existing court order or petition in a pending proceeding concerning custody of, or visitation or communication with, the child;
- Petitioner's marriage certificate, decree of divorce, annulment or agreement of legal separation;
- Any court order determining that the spouse of the petitioner is incompetent.

B. Copies of:

- Birth certificates of petitioner(s);
- Pre-placement evaluation on the petitioner(s);
- Post-placement evaluation;
- Report on the child and family's background information required by § 2-105;
- Any agreement with a public agency for adoption subsidy;
- Any collateral agreement between the petitioner and parent or guardian or any agency;
- Any request for nondisclosure signed by the parent or former parent.

C. If an agency placed the child for adoption, a verified statement from the agency is required. [See 15A V.S.A. § 3-305(a)(10)]

Part IV: Unavailable Information

I am unable to provide the following information in Parts I, II or III of this petition because the information is not known to me or not available to me after a reasonable attempt to get it.

I swear or affirm that the facts set forth in this petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On: _____
Date

Signature of Petitioner A

At: _____
City, County and State

Printed Name

I swear or affirm that the facts set forth in this petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On: _____
Date

Signature of Petitioner B

At: _____
City, County and State

Printed Name

Signed and sworn to before me:

Date	Signature of Notary Public	Expiration Date
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