

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF

{use name to be given to child(ren)} Adoptee(s).

FINAL JUDGMENT OF STEPPARENT ADOPTION

Upon consideration of the Joint Petition for Adoption by Stepparent and the evidence presented, the Court finds that:

1. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the Joint Petition for Adoption by Stepparent.
2. The Court has jurisdiction over the minor child(ren) subject to the Joint Petition for Adoption by Stepparent.
3. Petitioner desires the permanent responsibility of a parent in this adoption.
4. There is no pending litigation regarding the child(ren) in Florida or in any other state, nor is there any other person not a party to these proceedings who has or claims to have physical custody or rights to the minor child(ren).
5. The consent of the birth () mother () father who is not married to Petitioner is:
[only one]
____ attached to the petition
____ not required because he or she is deceased. A certified copy of the death certificate is attached.
____ waived because:
[all that apply]
____ the parent has deserted the child without means of identification or has abandoned the child.
____ the parent's rights have been terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction.
____ the parent has been declared incompetent and restoration of competency is medically improbable.
____ the legal guardian or lawful custodian of the adoptee(s), other than the birth parent, who has failed to respond in writing to a request for consent for a period of 60 days or the Court has examined the written reasons for withholding consent and has found the withholding of consent to be unreasonable.
____ other: _____.
6. The best interests of the child(ren) will be promoted by this adoption.
7. The minor child(ren) is (are) suitable for adoption by Petitioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The minor child(ren) subject to the Petition is (are) declared to be the legal child(ren) of Petitioner, _____ {name}
2. The minor child(ren) shall be the child(ren) and legal heir(s) at law of Petitioner, _____, {name} and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges, and subject to all obligations, of child(ren) born of Petitioner.
3. All legal relations between the adoptee(s) and the parent whose rights are being terminated and between the adoptee(s) and the relatives of that parent are terminated by this adoption, as are all parental rights and responsibilities of that birth parent.
4. This Final Judgment of Adoption creates a relationship between the adoptee(s) and Petitioner and all relatives of Petitioner that would have existed if the adoptee(s) was (were) a blood descendant of the Petitioner, born within wedlock, entitled to all rights and privileges thereof, and subject to all obligations of a child being born to Petitioner.
5. The minor child(ren) shall hereafter be known as *full legal name(s)*:

ORDERED on _____.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

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