

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

CASE NO.: _____

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF

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

FINAL JUDGMENT OF ADOPTION OF A MINOR RELATIVE

Upon consideration of the Petition for Adoption of a Minor Relative and the evidence presented, the Court finds that:

1. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the Petition for Adoption of a Minor Relative.
2. The Court has jurisdiction over the minor child(ren) subject to the Petition for Adoption of a Minor Relative.
3. Petitioner(s) 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 is:

[**only one**]

- attached to the petition
- not required because she is deceased. A certified copy of the death certificate is attached
- waived because:

[indicate 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 consent of the birth/legal father is:

[✓ **only one**]

- attached to the petition
- not required because he is deceased. A certified copy of the death certificate is attached
- waived because:

[indicate 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: _____

7. The consent of the legal custodian or guardian is:

[✓ **only one**]

- attached to the petition
- not required because he/she is deceased. A certified copy of the death certificate is attached
- waived because:

[indicate 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: _____

- 8. The best interests of the child(ren) will be promoted by this adoption.
- 9. The minor child(ren) is (are) suitable for adoption by Petitioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

- 1. The minor child(ren) subject to the Petition is (are) declared to be the legal child(ren) of Petitioner, {*name(s)*} _____.
- 2. The minor child(ren) shall be the child(ren) and legal heir(s) at law of Petitioner(s), {*name*} _____, and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges, and subject to all obligations, of children born of Petitioner(s).
- 3. All legal relations between the adoptee(s) and the parents 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 of a Minor Relative 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*} _____
 {*Full legal name*} _____

 {*Full legal name*} _____
 {*Full legal name*} _____
 {*Full legal name*} _____

DONE and ORDERED this _____ day of _____ in _____
_____, _____ County, Florida.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing document has been e-filed through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal and a true and correct copy has been sent by U.S. Mail, this _____ day of _____, 2018 to the following:

Judicial Assistant

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