

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_, MINOR CHILD

\_\_\_\_\_ (step-parent), )

Petitioner, )

File #

vs. )

**Adoption Decree**

\_\_\_\_\_ (mom), \_\_\_\_\_ (dad), )

and \_\_\_\_\_, as Executive Director )

of the North Dakota Department of )

Human Services, )

Respondents, )

\_\_\_\_\_ )

The petition of (Petitioner), praying for the adoption of (child) was filed with this Court in \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ a.m. such petition came regularly on before this Court for final hearing, the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_ presiding. Respondents hereto have been duly served with said petition in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota. Notice of the final hearing was waived by respondent, the North Dakota Department of Human Services.

1. The Court, upon request of counsel for petitioner, judicially notices the filing herein of the following documents:

a. A written consent from \_\_\_\_\_, the natural mother of (child), signed on \_\_\_\_\_;

b. An Affidavit of Personal Service for Respondent, \_\_\_\_\_, evidencing personal service of the Summons and Petition in this matter on \_\_\_\_\_; and

c. A written consent from \_\_\_\_\_, the natural father of (child),

signed on \_\_\_\_\_;

d. An Admission of Service, Waiver, and Consent to Adoption signed by \_\_\_\_\_ of the North Dakota Department of Human Services, on \_\_\_\_\_, indicating such agency's consent to the instant adoption;

e. A copy of the Certificate of Live Birth pertaining to (child).

2. The Court hereby finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties involved in this matter.

3. The subject of this adoption petition is (child), born \_\_\_\_\_, in (city/state).

4. Respondent, \_\_\_\_\_, is the natural mother of (child).

5. Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, and (mother/father), were married on \_\_\_\_\_.

6. (Petitioner) has lived together with (mother/father) and (child) since \_\_\_\_\_.

7. (Petitioner), (mother/father), and (child) presently reside at \_\_\_\_\_, North Dakota. (Petitioner) has been a residence of the State of North Dakota since \_\_\_\_\_.

8. (Petitioner) is \_\_\_\_\_ years old, his date of birth being \_\_\_\_\_.

9. (Petitioner) has the facilities, resources, and means to provide for the care and comfort of (child), the minor child, and it is his heartfelt desire to formally establish the relationship of parent and child with him/her.

10. (Child) has no property of his/her own.

11. (Child's) natural mother, \_\_\_\_\_, fully consents to the instant adoption.  
(Child's) natural father, \_\_\_\_\_, fully consents to the instant adoption.

12. The instant adoption is in the best interest of the minor child, \_\_\_\_\_.

13. The Court is satisfied with the identity and the relationships of the persons concerned.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that,

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties involved in the instant adoption;

2. The instant petition is GRANTED in all respects. The relationship of parent and child between petitioner, (Petitioner), as adoptive parent, and (Child), as the minor child, is hereby established.

3. The minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, shall be deemed in all respects, all legal consequences and incidents of the relationship of parent and child, the child of the petitioner by adoption, the same as if said minor child had been born to him in lawful wedlock.

4. The parental rights of Respondent, (father), as they relate to the minor child, (child), are hence, henceforth, and forevermore terminated in all respects.

5. From this day forward, minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, shall be known as “ \_\_\_\_\_”.

The child’s birth certificate shall be amended to reflect these changes.

BE IT SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Judge of the District Court