

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

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

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

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

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

Petitioner, )

File #

vs. )

**Petition for Adoption**

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

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

of the North Dakota Department of )

Human Services, )

Respondents, )

\_\_\_\_\_ )

COMES NOW Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, who respectfully represents and petitions the Court as follows:

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

2. In the event this petition is granted, the name of said minor child shall be "\_\_\_\_\_".

3. Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, has lived together with (child) and his/her natural mother/father, \_\_\_\_\_, since \_\_\_\_\_ (date). (step-parent) and (mother/father) were married on \_\_\_\_\_.

4. (step-parent, mother/father, and child) presently reside at \_\_\_\_\_, (city), (state). (Step-parent) has lived in North Dakota for (how long).

5. (Petitioner) is \_\_\_\_\_ years old, his/her date of birth being \_\_\_\_\_.

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

7. (Child) does not have any property of his/her own.

8. The minor child's mother, \_\_\_\_\_, fully consents to the instant adoption.

9. The minor child's natural father is \_\_\_\_\_. His paternity was adjudicated/established by \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Petitioner believes that the minor child's natural father, \_\_\_\_\_, fully consents to the instant adoption.

11. (Father) has not had any contact with (child) since \_\_\_\_\_. He has not attempted to contact his child for over \_\_\_\_\_ years. (Father) does not pay child support for (child). He is approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_ in arrears. His consent is not required for the instant petition to be granted pursuant to N.D.C.C. Sections 14-15-06(a), 14-15-06(b), and 14-15-06(j).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully prays for a Final Decree of Adoption, creating the relationship of parent and child between he/she and (child). Further, petitioner respectfully requests that the minor child shall hence and henceforth be known as "\_\_\_\_\_".

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney  
Address  
Telephone Number  
Email  
Attorney for \_\_\_\_\_

VERIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (petitioner), being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows: I am the petitioner in the above-entitled action; I have read the Petition for Adoption and understand the contents and meaning thereof; The matters set forth in such petition are true and correct; I so state of my personal knowledge and if called upon to testify to such fact, I would and could competently do so.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner)

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, in  
the County of Cass, State of North Dakota.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public