

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Unit

Docket No.

In re Adoption of:

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

Information About the Minor Child to be Adopted:

Full Birth or Current Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Time of Birth: _____

Name by which child will be known after adoption: _____

Town & State where child was born: _____

Gender of Minor ☐ Male ☐ Female

Describe any assets or property owned by the child and the value of each asset.

Assets/Property

Value

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Request for New Birth Certificate:

- ☐ No Request was made by Petitioners
- ☐ Petitioners have requested that a new birth certificate be issued by the Supervisor of Vital Records that includes the name, date of birth, and place of birth of the adoptive parent(s) as set forth below.

Petitioner A Information:

Full Name **Petitioner A:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Last Name at Birth: _____

Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____

Town & State of Residence: _____

Length of Residence at Current Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Describe Your Relationship to the Child: _____

Occupation: _____ Annual Income: \$ _____

I have the resources and the facilities to provide care and support for this child. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am: ☐ Single/Never Married ☐ Married
☐ In a Civil Union ☐ Single/Divorced
☐ Spouse/Partner Deceased

If married, has spouse been judicially determined to be incompetent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of most recent pre-placement evaluation: _____

Petitioner B Information:Full Name **Petitioner B:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Last Name at Birth: _____

Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____

Town & State of Residence: _____

Length of Residence at Current Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Describe Your Relationship to the Child: _____

Occupation: _____ Annual Income: \$ _____

I have the resources and the facilities to provide care and support for this child. ☐ Yes ☐ NoI am: ☐ Single/Never Married ☐ Married☐ In a Civil Union ☐ Single/Divorced☐ Spouse/Partner DeceasedIf married, has spouse been judicially determined to be incompetent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of most recent pre-placement evaluation: _____

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)

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.

Biological Parent A Information: *provide all information that you know about*Full Name Biological **Parent A:** _____

Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____

Phone Number: _____

Biological Parent B Information: *provide all information that you know about*Full Name Biological **Parent B:** _____

Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ I do not know some or all of the information about the other parent because: _____Were the parents married at the time of the child's birth? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't KnowIf no, were either or both of the parents married to someone else? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't KnowAre the parents divorced? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't KnowIf yes, how was custody (parental rights) awarded? ☐ To Parent A ☐ To Parent B☐ Jointly to Both ☐ Don't Know**Consent, Relinquishment or Disclaimer of Parental Interest:**

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

Name	Relationship to Child	Type of Document Signed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Prior Adoption Petitions

I have previously filed an adoption petition in another court:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe what happened to your petition:

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 Number	Type of Court Proceeding
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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: _____
- _____

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:

Home Study

☐ A home study is being prepared by: _____
Name and Address of Preparer

☐ 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

Mother of Child:

Full Name _____
Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____
Town of Residence: _____

Husband of Mother: (if the child was born during the marriage or within 300 days after its termination)

Full Name _____
Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____
Town of Residence: _____

Name of Biological Father Identified by Mother:

Full Name _____
Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____
Town of Residence: _____

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 relation to the child and financial responsibility for the child:

Full Name _____
Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____
Town of Residence: _____

Name of the Child's Legal Guardian:

Full Name _____
Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____
Town of Residence: _____

Name of the Agency or Person who placed child with petitioners:

Full Name _____
Mailing Address (town, state, zip): _____
Town of Residence: _____

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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