

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY
(JUVENILE DIVISION)**

IN THE INTEREST OF

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A Child.

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Juvenile No. _____

FINAL ADOPTION DECREE

This matter came before the Court on the ___ day of _____, 200_, for adoption hearing held pursuant to Iowa Code Section 600.12 to determine whether the petition for the adoption of the child in interest by the adoption petitioner should be granted and a parent-child relationship be established between the child in interest and the adoption petitioners. Present for the hearing were the following:

- _____, child in interest;
- _____, the child's guardian ad litem;
- _____, Petitioner;
- _____, Petitioner;
- _____, Petitioner's attorney;
- _____, child's guardian; and
- _____, Iowa Department of Human Services.

_____, the child in interest, was not present at the hearing and the child's presence was waived. The proceeding was reported. Testimony was given on behalf of the petitioners by _____; on behalf of the child by _____; and on behalf of the child's guardian by _____. Offered and admitted into evidence were the following exhibits: _____. The parties stipulated _____.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 602.7103, the Court makes the following **FINDINGS OF FACT:**

1. Notice of this hearing and a copy of the Petition was served upon all necessary parties.
2. The name of the child in interest is _____, and who is ___ years of age, being born _____, 19 ___, and is domiciled and resides at _____, _____ County, Iowa.
3. The Petitioners are _____, who reside and are domiciled at _____, _____ County, Iowa, are husband and wife, and are qualified to adopt the child in interest as provided in Iowa Code Section 600.4(2) [is an unmarried person and is qualified to adopt the child in interest as provided in Iowa Code Section 600.4(1)].
4. On the ___ day of _____, 20___, the petitioners asked this Court, pursuant to Chapter 600 of the Code of Iowa, for the adoption of the child in interest. Further that said petition is in the form required by Iowa Code Section 600.5, and contains the information and statements and is

verified in accordance with the requirements of said Code Section.

5. Upon the application of the Petitioner, _____, attorney at law, in _____, Iowa, was appointed as guardian ad litem to represent the child in interest in these proceedings.

6. Pursuant to Order of the Court entered on _____, 20____, the hearing on the Petition for Adoption, was scheduled for hearing on the ___ day of _____, 20____, at ___ o'clock __.M. That it is shown by Acceptance (Proof) of Service and entries of appearance executed by _____, and by Proof of Mailing as to _____, that all necessary parties have been given notice of the time, place and purpose of this hearing in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Section 600.11 and have been fully advised and unless they appear and defend at such time and place, the petition for adoption of the child by the petitioners will be granted.

7. The name of the child in interest who is proposed to be adopted as the name appears on the child's birth certificate is _____. A copy of the child's birth certificate was attached to the adoption petition as Exhibit A. The child in interest was born on _____, 19__, at _____, _____ County, Iowa. The current domicile and residence of the child in interest is _____, _____ County, Iowa.

4. The biological mother of the child in interest is _____ who is domiciled and resides at _____, _____ County, Iowa. That the biological father of the child in interest is _____ who is domiciled and resides at _____, _____ County, Iowa.

5. The parental rights of the child's biological parents were terminated by order entered _____, 20__, in the Juvenile Court of the Iowa District Court in and for _____ County in Case #JVJV _____. A copy of said order was attached to the adoption petition as Exhibit B.

6. The petitioners request the name of the child in interest be _____.

7. A description and estimate of the value of property owned by or held for the child in interest is as follows: _____.

8. The petitioners have demonstrated through a description of their facilities and resources, including those provided under a subsidy agreement, as contained in the petition, that the petitioners are willing and able to supply for the nurture and care of the child in interest.

9. The written consent to the adoption of the child in interest by the petitioners was executed by the child's guardian on _____, 20__. A copy of said consent being attached to the adoption petition as Exhibit C.

10. A preplacement investigation report was completed by _____, _____, Iowa. A copy of said report was attached to the adoption petition as Exhibit D. That a background investigation and a post-placement investigation report has also been completed by said

agency and has been filed herein and are approved. The reports recommend finalization of the proposed adoption.

11. A report of expenditures as required by Iowa Code Section 600.9 has been made by the petitioners, said report being verified and filed herein is approved and indicates that only appropriate expenditures have been made in connection with the proposed adoption.

12. The best interests of the child in interest would be served by the adoption because

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The Court has jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter as provided in Iowa Code Chapter 600.

2. The burden of proof is upon the Petitioner by a preponderance of the evidence.

3. The requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 600 have [not] been met.

4. The adoption of the child in interest by the adoption petitioner is [not] in the child's best interest.

5. The adoption petition filed herein should [not] be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

1. The Petition filed ____, 20__, for the adoption of _____, the child in interest, by _____, husband and wife [an unmarried person] is hereby granted [dismissed].

2. The parental rights between _____, as parent, and _____, as the child, are hereby established from this date forward, further said child in interest is legally adopted by the petitioners, said adoptive parents having all the rights and responsibilities concerning the child in interest as if they were the child's biological parents, and finally said parents and child shall have the right of inheritance from each other as if the child was the biological issue of the said adoptive parents.

3. The name of the child in interest shall be changed and the child shall henceforth be named _____.

2[a]. _____ is named guardian and /or custodian of the child in interest, until this or another court shall order otherwise.

Clerk to send a certified copy of this decree to the petitioner and the Iowa Department of

Human Services, and an ordinary copy to counsel of record, Investigating Agency and Case Scheduler. The Clerk shall further issue a certification of adoption as prescribed in Iowa Code Section 144.19 to the state registrar of vital statistics - department of public health.

SO ORDERED this __ day of _____, 20__.

BY THE COURT:

_____, Judge
First Judicial District of Iowa

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