

Form: Order Granting the Adoption of a Minor

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Cause Number _____

IN THE INTEREST OF:

[CHILD'S NAME],

[A CHILD]

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

[COUNTY NAME], TEXAS

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER GRANTING ADOPTION

^{Date of Hearing}
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On the _____ day of _____, 20____, came on to be considered

the Petition for Adoption filed by Petitioner/s herein, and this cause was heard by the Court.

Appearances of Parties and Ad-Litem's Appointed by the Court

Petitioner/s, [names of Petitioner/s] appeared in person and through attorney of record, [name of Petitioner/s' attorney], and announced ready for trial.

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Respondent [name of Respondent], although duly served with citation herein, did not appear and wholly made default. [or] Respondent, [name of Respondent], waived issuance of citation by Affidavit of Relinquishment of Parental Rights, as well as notice of this hearing, which was filed herein, and did not appear in person. [or] Respondent, [name of Respondent], appeared in person and through attorney of record, [name of Respondent's attorney], and announced ready for trial.

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Also appearing was [Guardian Ad Litem's name], appointed by the Court as guardian Ad Litem of the child the subject of this suit. Also appearing was [name of attorney ad litem for parent served by publication], appointed by the Court as Attorney Ad Litem for [Respondent's Full Name], who was served citation by publication.

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jurisdiction for

The Court, after examining the record and hearing the evidence and argument of counsel, finds that it has jurisdiction of this case and of all the parties and that no other court has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of this case. All persons entitled to citation were properly cited.

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Jury

A jury was waived, and all questions of fact and of law were submitted to the Court.

Hearing Record

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A record of testimony was duly recorded by the court reporter assigned to this Court.

Subject Child[ren]

The Court finds that the following child[ren] is/are the subject of this suit:

NAME OF CHILD:

AGE OF CHILD:

SEX OF CHILD:

BIRTH DATE:

BIRTHPLACE:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER:

ISSUING STATE:

NAME OF CHILD:

AGE OF CHILD:

SEX OF CHILD:

BIRTH DATE:

BIRTHPLACE:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER:

ISSUING STATE:

Verified Statement Required by § 162.002

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The Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that Petitioner has filed a verified allegation or statement regarding compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children as required by §162.002 of the Texas Family Code.

Termination Finding

The Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the parent-child relationship has been terminated as to each living alleged or probable father whose paternity has not been adjudicated.

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Criminal History

The Court finds that the criminal history record information required for [Petitioner's name] is on file in the record of this case.

Residence of the Child

The Court finds that the child has lived in the home of Petitioner for at least six months. [or] The Court finds that it is in the best interest of the child[ren] to waive the six (6) month residency requirement, and IT IS ORDERED AND DECREED that the six (6) month residency requirement is hereby waived.

The Pre-Adoptive Home Screening Report and the Post Placement Adoptive Report

The Court finds that the following required reports and studies have been made and are on file: the Pre-Adoptive Home Screening Report and the Post-Placement Adoptive Report. The Court finds that a copy of the reports and studies have been made available to Petitioner/s before this final order of adoption.

The Health, Social, Educational, and Genetic History Report [§162.005, Texas Family Code]

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[If the adoption is not by the child[ren]'s grandparent, aunt or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption; or by a stepparent, then the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, a licensed child placing agency, or the child[ren]'s parent or guardian shall compile a report on the available health, social, educational, and genetic history of the child[ren]. It is the finding of the Court that [name of agency placing child for adoption or name of person placing child for adoption or name of parent or guardian who prepared the report] has prepared a Health, Social, Educational, and Genetic History Report, which has been filed herein, and a copy has been provided to the Petitioner/s.

Adoption Finding

The Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that all prerequisites and requirements for adoption have been met and that the adoption is in the best interests of the child.

Adoption

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the adoption of the child[ren] the subject of this suit by Petitioner/s is GRANTED and IT IS ORDERED and DECREED that the parent-child relationship is created between the child[ren] and Petitioner/s for all purposes.

Name of Child[ren]

IT IS ORDERED that the name of the child the subject of this suit, a [Male or female], who was born on [Date] is changed from [Child's old name] to [Child's new name].

Guardian Ad-Litem's Fees [Attorney Ad-Litem's Fees]

IT IS ORDERED that good cause exists to award [Client's Attorney] a judgment of \$[Amount of attorney fee] for legal services rendered in relation to the child and a

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Guardian Ad-Litem [Attorney Ad-Item] for the child[ren] and in the nature of child support, with interest at [interest rate] percent per year compounded annually from the date the judgment is signed until paid. The judgment, for which let execution issue, is awarded against [Respondent's Full Name], Respondent.

These fees are taxed as costs, and [Respondent's Full Name], Respondent is ORDERED to pay the fees to [Guardian Ad Litem's name] by cash, cashier's check, or money order on or before [Date fees are due]. [Guardian Ad Litem's name] may enforce this order for fees in his own name.

Court Costs

IT IS ORDERED that costs of court are to be borne by the party who incurred them.

Sealing of Court Documents

IT IS ORDERED that all papers and records in this case, including the minutes of the Court, be sealed.

Relief Not Requested is Denied

All relief requested in this case and not expressly granted is denied.

Bureau of Vital Statistic

IT IS ORDERED that the clerk of this Court, after entry of final orders in this case, shall transmit to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Austin, Texas, a certified Report of Adoption pursuant to § 108.003 of the Texas Family Code. All papers and records in this case, including the minutes of the Court, are ordered sealed.

All relief requested in this case and not expressly granted is denied.

Signed on _____.

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APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

[Name of Petitioner]

[Name of Petitioner] **PLEASE DO NOT COPY**

APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

[Name of attorney]
Attorney for petitioner
[Street address]
[City, [State] Zip code]
[Phone] [Facsimile]
State Bar Number _____

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[Name of Respondent's Attorney]
[Street address]
[City, [State] Zip code]
[Phone] [Facsimile]
State Bar Number _____

[Name of Guardian Ad-Litem]
Attorney for Petitioner
Texas State Bar Number _____
[street address]
[city, state, and zip]
[Phone] [Facsimile]
State Bar Number _____

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[Name of Attorney Ad-Litem]

Attorney for Respondent

Texas State Bar Number

[street address]

[city, state and zip]

[Phone] [Facsimile]

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