

# STATE OF MAINE

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY PROBATE COURT

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Adoptee*

**PETITION FOR ADOPTION  
AND CHANGE OF NAME  
FOR AN ADULT ADOPTEE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Petitioner (if any)

1. Petitioner Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City/Town Zip*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City/Town Zip*

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Place of Marriage (to co-petitioner if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Petitioner Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City/Town Zip*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City/Town Zip*

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Place of Marriage (to co-petitioner if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Adoptee Information:

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names by which adoptee has been known: \_\_\_\_\_

If new birth certificate is requested:

Proposed New Birth Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

If current name change is requested:

Proposed Current New Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Adoptee's Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City/Town Zip*

Adoptee's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City/Town* *Zip*

Adoptee's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. This Court is the proper venue because:

a. Adoptee resides in this county.

b. Petitioner(s) resides in this county.

5. Is there a guardian or a conservator appointed for the adoptee in this or any other state?

Yes  No If yes, include name and address:

6. Consent to the adoption is required from the following (check all that apply and indicate whether a consent form is attached).

Adoptee  Guardian

7. Identify the relationship, if any, of petitioner(s) to the adoptee:

8.  DHHS Certificate of Adoption (Form VS-9) to apply for an amended birth record with the Maine Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics is attached.

9. Pursuant to 18-C M.R.S. § 9-303(2), the petitioner(s) has/have been informed that there is no legal obligation to provide information to the birth/legal parents and/or birth family of the adoptee. The petitioner(s) further understand(s) that information may be shared directly or indirectly with the birth/legal parents and/or birth family at the discretion of the petitioner(s). Based on this information and understanding, and after thoughtful consideration (CHOOSE ONE)

The petitioner(s) do(es) not intend to share information with the birth/legal parents and/or birth family after the adoption, OR

The petitioner(s) intend(s) to share information about the adoptee with the birth/legal parent(s) and/or birth family after the adoption takes place, and a detailed explanation of what information is to be shared, under what circumstances it is to be shared, and how that information will be updated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10.  I/We acknowledge that the adoptee may inherit from birth parents and birth parents' kin only if the adoption decree so provides or if a petitioner is a legal parent of the adoptee. However, even if neither petitioner is a legal parent of the adoptee, and if neither birth parent of the adoptee has asked to preserve the adoptee's inheritance rights, this court may nonetheless place in the decree of adoption a special entry that will preserve the adoptee's right to inherit from either or both of the birth parents' kin.

IF KNOWN: The birth parents  have  have not requested the court make an entry in the adoption decree preserving the adoptee's rights to inherit from one or both of the parents or the parents' kin.

11.  I/We acknowledge(s) and represent(s) that I/we intend to establish a parent-child relationship with the adoptee and am/are fit, proper, and able to care and provide for the adoptee's welfare.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner(s) pray(s) that the court grant the adoption and the change(s) of name of the adoptee requested in this petition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner(s), if any:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maine Bar Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

STATE OF MAINE  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared the above-named petitioners, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and made oath that the foregoing statements are true under penalty of perjury.

Before me,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney at Law / Notary Public / Register