

**PETITION FOR ADOPTION**  
*(Ala. Code §26-10E-16 (1975))*

Probate Court  
Case No.:

STATE OF ALABAMA

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

PETITIONER(S) MUST COMPLETELY FILL OUT THIS FORM

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of *(Full Name(s) of Petitioner(s) and D.O.B.s)*:

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

To Adopt: \_\_\_\_\_ *(full name of minor)*

COMES NOW, the above-named Petitioner(s), wishing to adopt the minor named above pursuant to the laws of the State of Alabama, who allege(s) the following *(Check which boxes are applicable)*:

1. The Petitioner(s), \_\_\_\_\_ *(full name(s) of petitioner(s))*,  is/are (a) resident(s) of, or  is/are in military service in, or  [for offices of any agency or institution operating under the laws of this state having guardianship or custody of a minor is located, specifically \_\_\_\_\_ *(business address, city or town, state, and zip code)* has/have an office in, the State of Alabama and the county(ies) of \_\_\_\_\_ . The age(s) and his/her/their home or business address(es) including city(ies) or town(s), state(s), and zip code(s) are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Petitioners are married which marriage occurred on \_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*, in \_\_\_\_\_ *(city or town and state)*.

3. The Petitioner(s) respectfully petition(s) this Court for leave to adopt the above-named minor, whose birth name is \_\_\_\_\_, with more detailed information set out below.

Other Name(s) By Which the Minor Has Been Known: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed New Name of Minor : \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town, County, and State in Which the Minor Now Resides or Has a Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

The minor is not in the physical custody of the Petitioner(s) but the Petitioner(s) intend(s) to acquire physical custody on \_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*.

Date and City or Town, County, and State of Birth of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The minor's name after adoption shall be as follows or state that the minor is 14 years of age or older and desires to retain their present legal name:

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5. The Petitioner(s) wish(es) to establish a parent-child relationship with the minor being adopted, and the Petitioner(s) represent(s) to the Court that (s)he/they is/are (a) fit and proper person(s) able to care for and provide for the adopted minor's welfare.

6. The above-named minor being adopted is related to the Petitioner(s) as follows:

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7. The Petitioner(s) aver(s) that the above-named minor being adopted is now in the physical custody of *(If applicable, name(s) and home or business address(es), including city(ies) or town(s), state(s), and zip code(s), of any person(s), agency(ies), etc. who or which currently have custody of the above-named minor to be adopted):* \_\_\_\_\_

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Name, County, and State of Court Issuing Custody Order and Date of Order:

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8. The Petitioner(s) further aver(s) that there exist(s) the following order(s) of court regarding guardianship and/or conservatorship, and/or parentage and/or custody and/or visitation with, or access to, the minor being adopted *(name(s), county(ies), and state(s) of court(s) issuing custody, visitation, or access order(s) and date(s) of order(s)):*

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8a. The Petitioner(s) further aver(s) that the following action(s) relating to the custody, support, visitation, parentage or other matter(s), relating to the minor being adopted *(name(s), county(ies), and state(s) of court(s) where case(s) was/were filed):* \_\_\_\_\_

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9. If applicable, the name(s) and business address(es) *(including city(ies) or town(s), state(s), and zip code(s))* of the placing agency(ies) is/are as follows:

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10. The name(s), relationship(s), age(s), and home or business address(es) of a/the person(s) known to the Petitioner(s) at the time of the filing of this Petition from whom (a) consent(s) or relinquishment(s) or notice to/of this adoption are required by law are as follows:

Consent/Implied Consent	Name/Relationship	Age	Home or Business Address
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____

*(If implied consent is asserted as to any person(s) above, the Petitioner(s) must file a verified affidavit stating the factual basis for the assertion of implied consent.)*

11. The minor has been in the physical custody of the Petitioner(s) for purposes of adoption and has been residing with the Petitioner(s) since \_\_\_\_\_ or *(if this is not the case, include a statement of good cause as to why placement and physical custody is not required or should be excused or waived):*

Attached to this Petition is a copy of the birth certificate of the person who is a minor being adopted or a copy of an affidavit stating that an application for a birth certificate has been made *(except in cases where a minor has been abandoned)*.

The premises considered, the Petitioner(s) pray(s) that this Court will do the following, if applicable: (1) take jurisdiction of the matters contained in this Petition for Adoption; (2) issue an interlocutory order delegating custody and/or the responsibility for care, maintenance, and support of the minor being adopted; (3) set a time and date for a dispositional hearing; and (4) make such other and further orders and decrees as may be necessary to effectuate the legal adoption of the person.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned authority, in and for said County and State, hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ whose name(s) is/are signed to the foregoing and who is/are known to me, who acknowledged before me on this day, that the statements contained herein are true and correct and (s)he/they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
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