

PROBATE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION PETITION OF

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Case Number _____

FINAL JUDGMENT OF ADOPTION

This cause is before the Court on the Petition for Adoption (“Petition”) filed by the Petitioner(s) in the above matter. This cause is properly before the Court pursuant to its jurisdiction and authority as conferred by statute and Constitutional provisions. Upon due consideration, the Court **FINDS and CONCLUDES** as follows:

The Court finds that _____ the legal father and _____ the mother of said child have failed to answer or respond to notice of these proceedings, and implied consent has therefore been given by said parties pursuant to *Ala. Code* §26-10E-9 (1975).

The Court being satisfied from clear and convincing evidence adduced that the facts alleged in the Petition are true; that the adoptee has been in the actual physical custody of the Petitioner(s) for a period of one year or more; that there has been no contest or objections brought in this cause; that the Petitioner(s) are suitable to be the parent(s) of said adoptee and (s)he/they desire(s) to establish a parent/child relationship with the adoptee; that the best interest of the adoptee will be served by granting the Petition; and that a change of name of the adoptee and a change of guardianship to the Petitioner(s) is proper.

It is therefore **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that the Petition for Adoption is **GRANTED**; that said adoptee is hereby legally adopted by the Petitioner(s) and from this date the said adoptee shall be, as to all legal intents and purposes, the child of the Petitioner(s) to be accorded the status as set forth in the Alabama Minor Adoption Code; and that the name of the adoptee in this matter is hereby changed to [*NAME CHANGED TO*], as prayed.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Court that a copy of this order be sent to all counsel of record by electronic mail or U.S. First Class Mail and forwarded to Alabama Department of Human Resources and to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics electronically or by U.S. First Class Mail.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Court that all pleadings, papers and other documents filed in this cause be recorded and sealed.

Done this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Judge of Probate