

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):*

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 to one another, effective _____ *(date)*, in _____ *(state)*. *(see attached)*

☐ 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: _____

☐ Date and City or Town, County, and State of Birth of Minor: _____

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: _____

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.

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

7. The Petitioner(s) aver(s) that the above-named minor being adopted is now in the physical and/or legal 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 physical and/or legal custody of the above-named minor to be adopted):*

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

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 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)):*

8a. The Petitioner(s) further aver(s) that there exists the following pending 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) are pending):*

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:

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
☐ ☐			
☐ ☐			
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☐ ☐			

(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 residing with the Petitioner(s) since _____ or *(if this is not the case, include a statement of good cause as to why placement is not required or should be excused or waived):*

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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: _____

