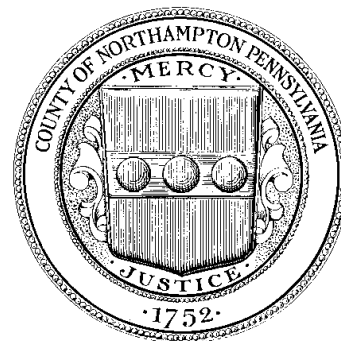


IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION



IN RE: ADOPTION OF _____
(initials only)

ADOPTION NO. _____

PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF A FOREIGN BORN CHILD

To the Honorable, the Judge of said Court:

The Petition of _____
(Name(s) of Adopting Parent(s))

Under 23 Pa. C.S. §§ 2701 and 2908 respectfully states that:

1. At least one of the Petitioners filing this Petition is a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and has resided in this Commonwealth since _____.
(Provide at least month and year)

2. No other court in this Commonwealth or in any other state has reviewed, registered, finalized or otherwise assumed jurisdiction over the adoption of this child, except as follows:

(Provide name of court, county and state)

Explain the proceeding previously initiated and the resulting decision from the court:

(Attach all court decrees).

3. Petitioner(s) desire(s) to adopt _____
(Name of child as written on Foreign Decree)

and intend that such child shall be treated as one of (his / her / their) heirs and hereby declare that (he/she/they) will perform all the duties of parent(s) to him/her.

4. The child has entered the United States pursuant to a United States visa. A true and correct copy of the United States visa is attached as an exhibit to this Petition. The United States visa was issued as an: **(Please circle one)**

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5. Child's information:

a) The child's full name as shown on the United States visa is:
b) The full birth name of the child as listed on the foreign birth certificate (if available) is
c) The full name of the child as it appears on the foreign decree is
d) The full name of the child as he/she is to be known from this time forward is

6. The child has resided with Petitioner(s) for the following length of time

7. Information concerning the Petitioner(s), the adopting parent(s), is as follows:

a) Adopting Father:

1) Full name
2) Residence
3) Marital status
4) Age
5) Occupation
6) Religious affiliation
7) Racial background
8) Relationship to adoptee by blood or marriage, if any
9) Daytime telephone no.

b) Adopting Mother:

1) Full name
2) Residence
3) Marital status
4) Age
5) Occupation
6) Religious affiliation
7) Racial background
8) Relationship to adoptee by blood or marriage, if any
9) Daytime telephone no.

8. The following reports, as applicable, have been completed as of the dates set forth below. A true and correct copy of each of these reports is attached as an exhibit to this Petition. YES / NO

a) Report of Intermediary described in 23 Pa. C.S. § 2533	
b) Home Study and/or Preplacement Reports described in 23 Pa. C.S. § 2530	
c) Investigation Reports described in 23 Pa. C.S. § 2535	
d) Postplacement Reports, if any	

9. Information concerning the intermediary agency, if any, is as follows:

Name of agency
Address
Telephone no.
County where office is located

10. If there is no report of an intermediary, the following information is being provided by the Petitioner(s) as to the adoptee child:

a) Sex
b) Racial background
c) Age
d) Birth date
e) Birthplace
f) Places of residence since birth
g) Religious affiliation
h) A full statement of the value of all property owned or possessed by the child, if any:
i) State whether medical history information was obtained, and if not, explain why not.

11. If there is no report of an intermediary, and the adoptee child is under 18 years of age, provide the following information as to the birth mother, if known:

a) Name
b) Residence or last known address
c) Racial background
d) Age
e) Marital status as of the time of the birth of child
f) Marital status during one year prior to birth of child
g) Religious affiliation
h) Birth mother's parental rights were terminated (state place where rights were terminated and date)

12. If there is no report of an intermediary, and the adoptee child is under 18 years of age, provide the following information as to the birth father, if known:

a) Name
b) Residence or last known address
c) Racial background
d) Age
e) Marital status as of the time of the birth of child
f) Marital status during one year prior to birth of child
g) Religious affiliation
h) Birth father's parental rights were terminated (state place where rights were terminated and date)

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	If there is no report of an intermediary	If no birth certificate or other birth identification issued by the country of birth can be obtained.
	Attach a copy of the birth certificate.	Provide a statement of the reason and a detailed explanation of the efforts made to obtain the certificate are required and attached as an exhibit to this Petition.
	<u>Birth Certificate provided?</u>	<u>Report Provided?</u>

ATTACHED	YES / NO
14. If there is no report of an intermediary , attach copies of any foreign decrees and/or documents concerning this adoption, including any decree terminating the parental rights of birth mother and/or birth father, if needed, with an English translation for those decrees and/or documents not in English, certified by a translator to be true and correct translations of the foreign decrees and/or documents.	
15. If there is no report of an intermediary , attach all consents required by Section 2711 of the Adoption Code, 23 Pa. C.S. § 2711. If consents are not required, explain:	

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

16. Division of Vital Records Certificate of Adoption of a Foreign-Born Child /Parts 1 and 2 & 3	Form No. HD01273F	
17. Statement of Citizenship and Residency	Form No. HD01275F	
18. Certificate of Citizenship, and/or a copy of child's passport	Form N-560	

19. It is the desire of the Petitioner(s) that the relationship of parent and child be established between the Petitioner(s) and the adoptee child.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner(s) pray your Honorable Court to enter a Final Decree that the child proposed to be adopted shall have all the rights of a child and heir of Petitioner(s) and Petitioner(s) shall be subject to the duties as parents of such child, and that the child's name shall henceforth be: _____

Adopting Parent (1) Date: _____

Adopting Parent (2) Date: _____

Counsels' name (IF represented)

Address

Phone number

VERIFICATION TO PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF A FOREIGN BORN CHILD

I/We, _____, verify that I/we are the Petitioner(s) named in the foregoing Petition and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief. I/We further verify that all documents attached to this Petition are true and correct copies of the originals. I/We understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Signature of Adopting Parent 1

Signature of Adopting Parent 2

Date: _____

Date: _____

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FINAL DECREE

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 20____, upon consideration of the within Petition and after the hearing thereon, the Court having made an investigation to verify the statements of the Petition and other facts to give the Court full knowledge as to the desirability of the proposed adoption; and the Court, being satisfied, finds that the statements made in the Petition are true, that the needs and welfare of the child proposed to be adopted will be promoted by this adoption, and that all requirements of the Adoption Act have been met, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that this child:

_____ Is hereby adopted,
(Name of child as written on Foreign Adoption Decree)

shall be known as: _____ and shall
(Child's name from this time forward)

have all the rights of a child and heir of:

(Adopting Parent(s))

and shall be subject to the duties of a child to said adopting parent(s).

BY THE COURT:

J.