

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



IN RE: ADOPTION OF _____

ADOPTION NO. _____

PETITION TO REGISTER FOREIGN ADOPTION DECREE

PURSUANT TO 23 Pa. C.S. § 2908

To the Honorable, the Judge of said Court:

1. Petitioners, the adopting parents of the above-named adopted child is / are:

(Name(s) of Adopting Parent(s))

2. Petitioners address:

(Street, City, State, Zip)

3. Has any other court in this Commonwealth or in any other state reviewed, registered, finalized or otherwise assumed jurisdiction over the foreign adoption decree being registered here: Y / N

YES () If yes, provide:	NO ()
The name of the court _____ State and county, _____, what was previously presented to the court _____ and the resulting decision from the court (Attach all court decrees). _____	

4. The full name of the adopted child at birth as listed on the foreign birth certificate was:

5. The full name of the adopted child as written on the foreign adoption decree is:

6. The full name of the adopted child as he/she is to be known from this time forward is:

7. The date of birth of the adopted child is:

8. The date of the foreign adoption decree is:

9. The type of United States visa issued to the adopted child is **(Please circle one)**

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10. The following documents are attached to this petition:

a) Copy of Child's birth certificate or other birth identification issued by country of birth. *If none, an affidavit of parent(s) stating why none is available)	
b) Copy of Decree of Adoption issued by foreign government. *If Decree is not in English, provide a certified translation of the document.	
c) Copy of adopted child's United States visa.	
d) Division of Vital Records form No. HD01273F Certificate of Adoption of a Foreign-Born Child /Parts 1 and 2 & 3 - COMPLETED	
e) Statement of Citizenship Form No. HD01275F	
f) Copy of U.S. Government Form N-560 , Certificate of Citizenship, and/or a copy of the child's United States passport , if either or both documents are available.	

WHEREFORE, Petitioner(s) request(s) that this Court enter a Decree authorizing the registration and docketing of the attached Foreign Adoption Decree with the Clerk of the appropriate Court and decreeing that _____

(Name of child as written on Foreign Adoption Decree)

shall henceforth be known as _____

(Child's name from this time forward)

and shall have all the rights of a child and heir of the Petitioner(s).

Adopting Parent (1) Date: _____

Adopting Parent (2) Date: _____

Counsels' name (IF represented)

Address

Phone number

**VERIFICATION TO PETITION TO REGISTER FOREIGN ADOPTION DECREE
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I/We, _____, verify that I/we am/are the Petitioner(s) named in the foregoing Petition, that I/we have read and understand the information set forth in the Instructions to the Petition to Register Foreign Adoption Decree, and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition 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 made herein are 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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REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN ADOPTION OF

ADOPTION NO. _____

FINAL DECREE

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 20____, it is hereby
ORDERED and DECREED that the Petition of :

(Adopting Parent(s))

to register the Foreign Adoption Decree is **GRANTED** and that this Court authorizes the
Registration and docketing of the Foreign Adoption Decree entered on:

_____ by _____.

(Date of Foreign Adoption Decree)

(Name of Foreign Court

and

Name of Foreign Country)

It is **FURTHER ORDERED and DECREED** that the above Foreign Adoption Decree shall be
enforceable as if this Court had entered the Decree and that henceforth this child:

_____ shall be known as

(Name of child as written on Foreign Adoption Decree)

_____ and shall have all the rights

(Child's name from this time forward)

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.