IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,

IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.:

Division: FM-

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF

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 **FINAL JUDGMENT OF ADOPTION OF ADULT BY STEPPARENT**

Upon consideration of the Petition for Adoption of Adult by Stepparent and the evidence presented, the Court finds that:

1. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the Petition for Adoption of Adult by Stepparent.
2. The Court has jurisdiction over the adults subject to the Petition for Adoption of Adult by Stepparent.
3. Petitioner desires the permanent responsibility of a parent in this adoption.
4. \_\_\_\_\_The birth or legal parents with intact parental rights have been properly noticed of this action.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ The adult adoptee’s birth or legal mother

 \_\_\_\_\_ with intact parental rights has been properly noticed of this action.

 \_\_\_\_\_ is deceased. A certified copy of the death certificate is attached.

 \_\_\_\_\_ previously had her parental rights terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

\_\_\_\_\_ The adult adoptee’s birth or legal father

 \_\_\_\_\_ with intact parental rights has been properly noticed of this action.

 \_\_\_\_\_ is deceased. A certified copy of the death certificate is attached.

 \_\_\_\_\_ previously had her parental rights terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The Adult adoptee is unmarried

 **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ The consent of the Adult Adoptee’s Spouse is attached.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Adult Adoptee’s Spouse refuses to consent. The court has considered the reasons therefore and has found the withholding of consent to be unreasonable.

1. The best interest of the adult will be promoted by the adoption.
2. The Adult adoptee is (are) suitable for adoption by Petitioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The adult adoptee subject to the Petition is (are) declared to be the legal child(ren) of Petitioner, .
2. The adult adoptee shall be the child(ren) and legal heir(s) at law of Petitioner,

 , and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges, and subject to all obligations, of child(ren) born of Petitioner.

1. All legal relations between the adoptee(s) and the parent whose rights are being terminated and between the adoptee(s) and the relatives of that parent are terminated by this adoption, as are all parental rights and responsibilities of that birth parent.
2. This Final Judgment of Adoption creates a relationship between the adoptee(s) and Petitioner and all relatives of Petitioner that would have existed if the adoptee(s) was (were) a blood descendant of the Petitioner, born within wedlock, entitled to all rights and privileges thereof, and subject to all obligations of a child being born to Petitioner.
3. The adult adoptee shall hereafter be known as *{full legal name(s)}*:

DONE AND ORDERED at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Florida on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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CIRCUIT JUDGE

I certify that a copy of *{name of document(s)}* **Final Judgment of Adoption of Adult by Stepparent** was ( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( ) e-mailed ( ) hand-delivered to the parties and any persons or entities listed below on *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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 By: Clerk of Court, Designee, or Judicial Assistant

Petitioners (or their attorney)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_