ADULT ADOPTION

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To Request an Adult Adoption

Forms and Instructions

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CHECKLIST

You may use this packet if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ You, or the person you are asking to adopt, are a resident of the county where you are filing this request.
- ✓ You want to ask the Court to adopt either another adult person who is at least 18 years of age and not more than 21 years of age,

  OR

  You want to ask the Court to adopt an adult person who is your stepchild, niece, nephew, cousin or grandchild,

  OR

  You are a foster parent, and want to ask the Court to adopt an adult person who was placed in your care as a juvenile, and you have maintained a familial relationship with that person for five or more years, AND
- ✓ The adult you are asking to adopt consents to the adoption, AND
- ✓ (If applicable) The spouse of the Adoptor and/or Adoptee consent to the adoption, AND
- ✓ (If applicable) You understand that any name change that results from this adoption will *neither* harm your rights *nor* release you from any obligations or liabilities incurrent from your current name.

READ ME: Consulting a lawyer before filing documents with the court may help prevent unexpected results. A list of lawyers you may hire to advise you on handling your own case or to perform specific tasks, as well as a list of court-approved mediators can be found on the Self-Service Center website.

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This packet contains court forms and instructions to file a request to adopt an adult. Items in **BOLD** are forms that you will need to file with the Court. Non-bold items are instructions or procedures. Do not copy or file those pages!

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PROCEDURES: HOW TO FILE FOR AN ADULT ADOPTION

STEP 1. Complete the following documents **and make at least 3 copies:**

- ***"Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and for Decree of Adoption"***
- ***"Consent to Adult Adoption and Waiver of Notice"*** *(to be completed by the spouse(s) of the Adoptor and Adoptee, if applicable)*

STEP 2. Fill out the ***"Adult Adoption Cover Sheet".***

STEP 3. **FILE THE PAPERS AT THE COURT:**

GO TO: **GO TO THE CLERK OF COURT TO FILE YOUR PAPERS:**

The Court is open from 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m., Monday-Friday. You should go to the Court at least two hours before it closes. You may file your court papers at the following Superior Court locations:

The Clerk of the Superior Court
Old Courthouse
125 West Washington Street, 1st Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

The Clerk of the Superior Court
Southeast Court Facility
222 East Javelina Avenue, 1st Floor
Mesa, Arizona 85210

The Clerk of the Superior Court
Northwest Court Facility
14264 West Tierra Buena Lane
Surprise, Arizona 85374

The Clerk of the Superior Court
Northeast Regional Court Center
18380 North 40th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032

PAPERS: Give **1 Adult Adoption Cover Sheet** and 1 original **Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and Decree of Adoption** and (if applicable) **Consent to Adult Adoption, and Waiver of Notice** plus you're your copies to the Clerk along with the filing fee, payable with cash, AMEX/VISA/MasterCard debit or credit cards.

If you cannot afford the filing fee and/or Investigative Fee, you may request a *deferral* (payment plan) when you file your papers with the Clerk of the Court. **Deferral Applications** are available at no charge from the Self-Service Center.

FEES: A list of current fees is available from the Clerk of Court's website.

Make sure the filing clerk stamps both of your copies and returns them to you.

STEP 4. **GET A COURT HEARING DATE:**

A. Before obtaining a court date, you will need to be prepared to provide the following documents:

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- **Petitioner's Information Sheet to the Court Investigator (1 original – DO NOT FILE THIS DOCUMENT)**
- **Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and Decree for Adoption (2 Copies)**
- **Consent to Adult Adoption and Waiver of Notice (if applicable) (2 Copies)**
- **Copies (NOT ORIGINALS or CERTIFIED COPIES) of the following (DO NOT FILE THESE DOCUMENTS):**
  a. Birth Certificate of Adoptor (person adopting another)
  b. Birth Certificate of Adoptor's spouse (if applicable)
  c. Marriage License of Adoptor (if applicable)
  d. Birth Certificate of Adoptee (person being adopted)
  e. Marriage License of Adoptee (if applicable)

(NOTE: You will be required to bring Originals or Certified Copies of these documents to your hearing, as stated in STEP 6)

B. If filing in downtown Phoenix at 125 West Washington, after filing walk a few feet to the right from the filing counter to **Probate Administration** to immediately ask to schedule a hearing,

OR

If filing at a court location where there is no Calendar Clerk available:

- **Bring your documents to the downtown Phoenix Probate Administration offices in- person to schedule the hearing.**
- **Present the documents listed above.**

Probate Administration will then provide you with a printout with information on when and where the hearing is, as well as the name of the assigned Judicial Officer.

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. *DON'T LOSE THIS DOCUMENT!*

NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- The hearing will be scheduled for 6-8 weeks from the date you submit your request.
- You may **FILE** at any of the Clerk of the Court locations listed above (see STEP 3); however, the hearing may be scheduled at a different court facility.

STEP 5. SERVE NOTICE:

Fill out the **Notice of Hearing** form **(PBAA18f)** with the information about time and place of the hearing that you obtained in Step 4 above and **SERVE NOTICE** to ***everyone*** who is legally entitled to know about the court case and what you have asked the Court to order concerning the person to be adopted. To "**serve**" notice means to deliver notice as required or permitted by law.

Persons entitled to notice may sign a notarized **Consent to Adult Adoption, and Waiver of Notice** (**PBAA13f)**, which will allow you to **NOT** serve notice to those persons, unless they later file to reverse that waiver.

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READ THIS:

AFTER *GIVING NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:*

- Complete the Declaration of Notice Provided stating how and when you gave notice.
- Make two (2) copies of the:
  - ☐ **NOTICE OF HEARING**
  - ☐ **CONSENT TO ADULT ADOPTION, AND WAIVER OF NOTICE (if any)**
  - ☐ **DECLARATION OF NOTICE PROVIDED**

- *If filing* in-person*, do so at least 5 days before the hearing.*
  - ***If you file the documents before the hearing, the Clerk will stamp and keep one set, and return the copies for you to bring with you to the hearing.***

- ***If you are MAILING these documents to the Court:***
  - **Make a copy before mailing to keep and bring to the hearing.**
  - It is recommended that you post them 10 full days before the hearing.
  - The Probate Clerk will file the originals for you and deliver the copies to the Judicial Officer assigned to the hearing.
  - *Remember to bring your copies of the documents to the hearing.*

STEP 6. ATTEND THE HEARING:

BY law, the person being adopted (Adoptee) and the person adopting (Adoptor) must appear at the adoption hearing unless it is impossible to do so. If they cannot appear at the hearing, they must either be prepared to appear telephonically (if permitted by the Judge) or they must be represented at the hearing by an attorney.

BRING THESE DOCUMENTS TO YOUR HEARING:

- ***2 copies of* "Decree of Adoption" *for the Judge to sign. One copy will go in the Court file and the other will be prepared for certification and returned to you.***
  - **There is a court fee for each certified copy.***
- **Photo identification for the Adoptor and Adoptee.**
- **Originals or Certified Copies of the following:**
  - Birth Certificate of Adoptor (person adopting another)
  - Birth Certificate of Adoptor's spouse (if applicable)
  - Marriage License of Adoptor (if applicable)
  - Birth Certificate of Adoptee (person being adopted)
  - Marriage License of Adoptee (if applicable)

NOTE: If the Court has ordered that the name on your Arizona birth records be changed, you will need to provide the "Office of Vital Records" with a *Certified Copy* of the Order. You may purchase a new birth certificate at the Office of Vital Records for a fee.

**To get a certified copy of your court order* you will need to present your Judge-signed copy to the Filing Counter within 48 hours. If you need additional copies after that time, you will need to go to the Court's Customer Service Center at 601 W. Jackson Street in Phoenix.

The State Vital Records Office at 1818 W. Adams, Phoenix, AZ. 85007, is only available for mail-in service. Vital Records general telephone number is 602-364-1300. Please call for another walk-in location. A fee is required for a change to any birth certificate.

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Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

ADULT ADOPTION COVER SHEET

Case Number: PB _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTEE (person to be adopted)

NAME: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

MAILING ADDRESS : _____

STREET ADDRESS (if different): _____

TELEPHONE (Home): _____ **SSN:** _____

TELEPHONE (Cellular): _____ **EMAIL:** _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTOR(s), the person filing these papers.

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

INFORMATION ABOUT PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY: ☐ **Petitioner is not represented by an attorney, *or***

NAME: _____ **BAR #** _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

☐ **An INTERPRETER IS NEEDED for this language:** _____ **By**

(List Names of) **Persons who need interpreter:** **Name**: _____

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

STAFF USE ONLY: REASON FEES NOT PAID: ☐ Government Charge ☐ Deferred

NATURE OF ACTION: Place an "X" next to number which describes the nature of the case. Check only **ONE**.

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_X_ 291 Adult Adoption

By signing below, I state to the Court under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____
Petitioner or Attorney Signature

NOTICE

SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH NEW CASES ONLY.
If there is already a (Maricopa County) Probate Court case number and you are filing in an existing Superior Court case in Maricopa County, **DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM**

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Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected):_____
City, State, Zip Code:_____
Telephone:_____
Email Address:_____
Lawyer's Bar Number:_____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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PETITIONER'S INFORMATION SHEET TO COURT INVESTIGATOR

Instructions to Petitioner: You must complete this form and send it to Court Administration. This information will assist the Court Investigator in scheduling and conducting an appointment with all parties involved in this Petition.
Incomplete or inaccurate information may cause the Court hearing on your Petition to be delayed.

Your Case Number: PB _____

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTEE (the person to be adopted):

Adoptee's Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Place of Birth: _____ **Date of Birth:** / /
Social Security #: - - **Gender:** ☐Male ☐Female

Is the Adoptee married?: ☐Yes ☐No
If "Yes", what is the spouse's name: _____

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED ADOPTORS:

	Petitioner	Petitioner's Spouse (Co-Petitioner)
Name:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Home Telephone:		
Work Telephone:		
Email Address:		
Social Security #:	- -	- -
Date of Birth:	/ /	/ /
Place of Birth:		

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Case No. _____

3. INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED ADOPTOR'S ATTORNEY (if applicable):

Name:		**Telephone:**	
Address:			
Email Address:			

4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTEE'S NATURAL PARENTS:

	Natural Mother	Natural Father
Name:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Home Telephone:		
Work Telephone:		
Are the natural parents aware of the adoption?:	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No
Do the natural parents approve of the adoption?:	☐Yes ☐No ☐Unknown	☐Yes ☐No ☐Unknown

For Court Use Only:

Date and Time of Hearing:_____

Commissioner:_____

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Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of

_____ ,
(Name of Adoptee)

An Adult

Case Number PB: _____

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AN ADULT AND FOR DECREE OF ADOPTION

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION:

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ARIZONA LAW (A.R.S. § 14-8101)

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PETITIONER / ADOPTOR (the person wishing to adopt another)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Unmarried
My interest in or relationship to the person to be adopted is: _____

_____
(examples: stepparent, foster parent, uncle/aunt, cousin, grandparent, friend, etc.)

I am filing this petition to formalize a family situation which has existed for _____ years.
(Number of Years)

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTEE (the person being adopted)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Unmarried

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3. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTEE'S NATURAL PARENTS:

Mother's Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

Father's Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

4. REASON FOR ADOPTION:

The parties are requesting this adoption, and believe it is in the best interest of the person seeking to adopt, the adoptee, and the public, because:

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

5. INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ADULT ADOPTIONS:

(Check one box.)

☐ **The Petitioner has <u>never</u> previously adopted another adult person.**

OR

☐ **The Petitioner has previously adopted another adult person(s).** (If "yes", provide details below.)

Name: _____
Date of Adoption: _____
Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

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Date of Adoption: _____
Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

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Date of Adoption: _____
Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

Name: _____
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Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

Name: _____
Date of Adoption: _____
Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

(If more spaces are required, make an additional copy of this page and attach.)

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6. **PERSONS ENTITLED TO NOTICE** of this matter and to whom I will give notice of this case: (See instructions.)

	Name	Address	Relationship to the Adoptee
A.			
B.			
C.			
D.			

STATEMENTS TO THE COURT:

(Note: All of these statements must be true for this court to grant your Petition.)

7. ☐ TRUE **Venue** (the court in which you are filing this Petition) is proper in this county because either the Adoptor or Adoptee lives in this county.

8. ☐ TRUE The parties agree to assume toward each other the legal relation of parent and child. Adopting parent will hereafter treat adoptee as if he/she were the natural child of the adopting parent. Adoptee will hereafter treat the adopting parent as his/her natural parent. Both parties shall have all of the rights and be subject to all of the duties and responsibilities of parent and child.

REQUESTS TO THE COURT:

Petitioner asks the court to:

1. Make a finding that this adoption is in the best interests of the Adoptor, Adoptee, and the public.

2. Approve the Adoption Agreement between the Adoptor and Adoptee.

3. Issue a Decree of Adoption in this matter.

4. (If desired by the Adoptee. If no name change is desired, leave blank.)
Order that the Adoptee's name be changed to the following:

First	Middle	Last

☐ I ask that the birth records be ordered changed to reflect the new name requested above.

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5. Make any other orders the Court decides are in the best interests of the Adoptor, Adoptee, and the public.

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this_____day of_____,_____.

_____
Signature of Adoptor

_____
Signature of Adoptee

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Case Number PB: _____

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) **ss.**
County of Maricopa)

_____**,** the above named **Adoptor** in this matter, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
(Name of Adoptor)

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm that I am the **Adoptor** and Petitioner in this matter. By signing below, I state to the Court that I have read and understood the contents of this document, and that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____
(Signature of Adoptor)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by
(date)

_____.

(notary seal)

_____
Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) **ss.**
County of Maricopa)

_____**,** the above named **Adoptee** in this matter, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
(Name of Adoptee)

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm that I am the **Adoptee** and named in this matter. By signing below, I state to the Court that I have read and understood the contents of this document, and that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____
(Signature of Adoptee)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by
(date)

_____.

(notary seal)

_____
Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

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Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of

_____,
(Name of Adoptee)
An Adult

Case Number PB: _____

CONSENT TO ADULT ADOPTION and WAIVER OF NOTICE

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION:

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ARIZONA LAW (A.R.S. § 14-8101)

1. INFORMATION ABOUT ME:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I AM (Please check one):

☐ the Spouse of the Adoptor (person seeking to adopt another)
☐ the Spouse of the Adoptee (person being adopted)
☐ Natural Parent of the Adoptee
☐ Other (please describe): _____

2. I have read the Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and for Decree of Adoption, and consent to the adoption of:

_____ by _____
(Name of Adoptee – Person to be Adopted) (Name of Adoptor – Person Adopting Another)

3. I waive notice of all further proceedings in this matter.

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ _____
Date Petitioner's Signature

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____
Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by
(date)
_____.

(notary seal) _____
Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

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Email Address:_____
Lawyer's Bar Number:_____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of:

_____,
(Name of Adoptee)

An Adult

Case Number PB: _____

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AN ADULT AND FOR DECREE OF ADOPTION

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: Your rights may be affected.
An important court proceeding that affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or the other court papers, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. **NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Petitioner has filed with the Court the following:

   ☒ **PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AN ADULT AND FOR DECREE OF ADOPTION**

2. **COURT HEARING**. A court hearing has been scheduled to consider the Petition and matters in the court papers as follows:

   DATE and TIME: _____
   PLACE: _____
   JUDICIAL OFFICER: _____

3. **RESPONSE TO PETITION.** You are not required to respond to this Petition, but if you choose to respond, you *may* do so by filing a written response *or* by appearing in-person at the hearing. *If you choose to file a written response:*
   - File the original with the Court;
   - Provide a copy to the office of the Judicial Officer named above; and
   - Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

If you object to any part of the Petition or Motion that accompanies this notice, you must file with the court a written objection describing the legal basis for your objection at least three (3) days before the hearing date or you must appear in person or through an attorney at the time and place set forth in the notice of hearing. There is a FEE for filing a response. If you cannot afford the fee, you may file a *Fee Deferral Application with* the Court.

DATED:_____ _____
(Month/Day/Year) **Petitioner's Signature**

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Email Address: _____
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Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of:

_____

An Adult

Case Number: PB _____

DECLARATION OF NOTICE PROVIDED
Regarding A Matter of
an Adult Adoption

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

1. **DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:** I provided copies of the following court documents to the persons named below. (Check only those that apply.)

☒ **PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AN ADULT AND FOR DECREE OF ADOPTION**

2. **TO WHOM I GAVE NOTICE:** These are the people to whom I gave copies of all the documents indicated above. State the relationship between the person who is being adopted and the person you gave the copies to.

A. Person Given Notice (Name): _____
B. Relation: _____
C. Date Mailed or Delivered: _____
D. Method of Delivery: (Check at least one box and complete the information below)

☐ **Personal service** (File affidavit of process server or sheriff)
☐ **1st class mail, postage prepaid**
☐ **Certified mail** (if applicable, attach green return receipt card to this paper)
☐ **Hand delivery by:** (name) _____

A. Person Given Notice (Name): _____
B. Relation: _____
C. Date Mailed or Delivered: _____
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UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ Date

_____ Petitioner's Signature

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Email Address:_____
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Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of **Case Number PB:** _____

_____,
(Name of Adoptee)

DECREE OF ADOPTION

An Adult

The Court has read the sworn **"Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and for Decree of Adoption"** and held a hearing to determine whether the Court should enter the Order requested in the Petition.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Petitioner is entitled to file the Petition under Arizona law, A.R.S. §14-8101(A);

2. Petitioner has given ***"Notice of Hearing"*** as required by law or ***"Notice of Hearing"*** was waived by all interested parties;

3. Venue in this county is proper;

4. Any reports by a court investigator have been considered by the Court**;**

5. Pursuant to A.R.S. §14-8101E, the Petition is in the best interest of the Adoptor, Adoptee, and the public.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. **ADOPTION FOR AN ADULT:** The Court issues this Decree approving the adoption for

_____ , hereby decreed as the parent of
(Name of Adoptor)

_____ , an adult.
(Name of Adoptee)

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2. **NAME CHANGE** (check one)

☐ The legal name of the Adoptee will remain unchanged.

☐ The current legal name of the Adoptee:

First	Middle	Last

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

Place of Birth: _____
City State Nation

IS CHANGED TO:

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3. ☐ For a person born in the State of Arizona, the Office of Vital Records is ordered to amend the birth record to reflect the adoption and new name as above ordered.

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4. This Order does not release the Adoptee from any obligations incurred or harm any rights of property action in any original name.

5. Other orders: _____

DONE IN OPEN COURT: _____ _____
Date **Judicial Officer**

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of **Case Number PB:** _____

_____,
(Name of Adoptee)

DECREE OF ADOPTION

An Adult

The Court has read the sworn **"Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and for Decree of Adoption"** and held a hearing to determine whether the Court should enter the Order requested in the Petition.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Petitioner is entitled to file the Petition under Arizona law, A.R.S. §14-8101(A);

2. Petitioner has given ***"Notice of Hearing"*** as required by law or ***"Notice of Hearing"*** was waived by all interested parties;

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