

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT _____

In the Matter of the Adoption of _____)
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 Child's Name after Adoption _____)
 Child's Birthdate: _____)
)
 By: _____)
)
 _____)
 Petitioner(s) (Person(s) asking to adopt child))

CASE NO. _____

**ADOPTION CONSENT (AGREEMENT)
Parent, Spouse, or Guardian**

"Child" is the legal term for the person being adopted, regardless of the person's age. "Minor child" means an adoptee under 18 years old. "Adult child" means an adoptee age 18 or older.

1. Name of person signing this consent: _____
2. Relationship to child: Parent Spouse Legal Guardian _____
3. I understand that I have the right to talk with a lawyer before I sign this consent. I can either hire a lawyer of my own choice, or in some cases, I may have the right to ask the court to appoint a free lawyer. *[See form [P-910](#) for more information about situations where the court can appoint a lawyer and to ask for an appointed lawyer if you qualify.]*
4. I consent (agree) to the adoption of the child by the petitioners named above.
5. "Indian Child" means an unmarried person **under 18 years old**, who is
 - (1) a member of an Indian tribe, **or**
 - (2) eligible to be a member of an Indian tribe **and** the biological child of a member of an Indian Tribe.
 Does the child qualify as an Indian child?
 No.
 Yes. Fill out form [P-450](#), *Report of Indian Adoptive Placement*.
 Name of child's tribe: _____
6. Legal Rights and Custody.
 - I am married to the child being adopted, so this section does not apply to me.
 - I am a parent of the minor child being adopted, **and** I am married to the petitioner (the person asking to adopt the child). Therefore, I am keeping my rights to care, custody, and control of the minor child.
 - I am a parent or legal guardian of the minor child who is being adopted, and I am **not** married to the petitioner. By signing this consent, I am permanently giving up all my rights to the care, custody, and control of the child. I will also be permanently relieved of (I will no longer have) responsibility for the child after the judge signs the decree of adoption. Except as stated in section 7 below (visitation privileges) and section 8 below (inheritance rights), I will no longer have any legal relationship to the child.
 - I am the court-appointed guardian for the **adult** child who is being adopted. The child has the capacity to consent (agree) to this adoption, and has in fact agreed to this adoption. I either have no objection to this decision, or I do not have the authority to object to this decision. Regardless of any adoption, I understand that I remain responsible for the guardianship duties that the court appointed me to do, unless the court modifies the guardianship order. *[To ask that the court modify the guardianship order, file "Petition for Review of Guardianship" (form [PG-190](#)).]*

7. Visitation Privileges.

- This section does not apply to me, because
- the child being adopted is an adult.
 - I am married to the child being adopted.
 - I am a parent of the minor child being adopted, **and** I am married to the petitioner, so I am keeping my legal rights to care, custody, and control of the minor child.
- I do not want to keep any privileges to visit the minor child after the adoption.
- I ask the court to give me my relative named _____ privileges to visit the minor child at the discretion of the adoptive parents, according to the best interests of the child.
- I ask the court to give me my relative named _____ the following privileges to visit the child:
[Describe the visitation agreement. Include dates and times, where the visits will happen, who pays for transportation, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary. Attach the visitation agreement, if there is one. Only write on one side of the page.]
- _____
- _____
- _____

8. Inheritance Rights.

If I am a biological parent, I understand that I may ask the court for the adopted child to keep the right to inherit from me if I die without a will (normally, adoption ends this right.)
*[Note: This does **not** apply in stepparent adoptions. In stepparent cases, the biological parents keep inheritance rights under Alaska law. See AS 13.12.114(b) and 25.23.130(a).]*

Do you want the court to keep the adopted child's rights to inherit from you in this way?

- Yes. No. This question does not apply to me.

Other requests or information I want the court to consider about inheritance rights:

9. I understand that I have a limited right to withdraw (cancel) my consent. I understand that I cannot withdraw my consent after the judge signs the adoption decree. However, **before the adoption decree is signed**, I can withdraw my consent as follows:

a. For a Non-Indian Child:

Within 10 days after I sign this form, I can withdraw (cancel) my consent by writing to the court at the address in section 10 or to the person or agency that asked me to fill out this consent form. I must deliver or postmark my written notice by the 10th day, and I must keep a copy of the notice and record the date I delivered or postmarked it. After 10 days (but before the judge signs the decree), I can ask the court to withdraw (cancel) my consent, which the judge may or may not allow. The judge must find that withdrawal is in the best interests of the child after both the petitioner and I are given a chance to be heard in court.

b. For an Indian Child (unmarried minor child only):

At any time before the judge signs the adoption decree, I can withdraw (cancel) my consent by writing to the court at the address in section 10 or to the person or agency that asked me to fill out this consent form. I must deliver or postmark my written notice by the last day of this time period, and I must keep a copy of the notice and record the date I delivered or postmarked it.

10. I understand that the adoption petition will be filed in the Superior Court at
Court Address: _____
Court Telephone Number: _____
[Find addresses and telephone numbers for each court location at ak-courts.info/dir.]

11. My date of birth is _____. I am a minor (under 18 years old).

12. I received a copy of this filled-out consent form (or I will receive one after it is signed).

13. I do do not want to receive notice of the date and time of the adoption hearing.

14. My Contact Information.

Full Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I agree that the court and other parties can email me documents instead of using regular mail.

I state on oath or affirm that I have read this consent form and believe all statements made in it are true. I am signing this consent freely and voluntarily.

[If you are a parent of an Indian child or younger than 18 years old, you must sign this consent form in front of a judicial officer or a special master. If this applies to you, leave the rest of this form (including your signature) blank until the court hearing or until you are in the physical presence of the judge or special master. If this does not apply to you, you may sign in front of a notary or court clerk instead.]

Date

Signature of Person Giving Consent

For Notary or Court Clerk Use Only

On _____ [date], _____ [full name] personally appeared before me in _____, Alaska, and signed the above consent to adoption. The signatory certified under oath or affirmation that the person has read this consent form and believes its contents to be true. The person acknowledged signing the consent freely and voluntarily for the purposes stated therein.

(SEAL)

Court clerk, notary public, or other person authorized to administer oaths.
My commission expires: _____

For Court Use Only

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the terms and consequences of the above consent to adoption were explained in detail to the person signing the consent, in a language that the person understood and in terms appropriate to the person's age. I determined that the person signing the consent understood these terms and consequences, and that the person voluntarily signed the consent.

Date Judicial Officer/Special Master Print or Type Name