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IN THE INTEREST OF

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

A CHILD

_____ **COUNTY, TEXAS**

ORDER GRANTING ADOPTION

1. *Date of Hearing*

On _____, 20__ the Court heard this case.

2. *Appearances*

Petitioner, _____, appeared in person and through attorney of record, _____, and announced ready for trial.

3. *Jurisdiction*

The Court, after examining the record and hearing the evidence and argument of counsel, finds that it has jurisdiction of this case and of all the parties and that no other court has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of this case. All questions of fact and of law were submitted to the Court. All persons entitled to citation were properly cited.

4. *Record*

The record of testimony was duly reported by the court reporter _____..

5. *Child*

The Court finds that the child sought to be adopted in this suit and now residing with
Petitioner is:

_____, A (Male or Female)

Birthplace:

Birth date:

6. *Eligibility for Adoption*

The Court finds that the parent-child relationship has been terminated as to _____, a parent of the child, and as to each living alleged or probable father whose paternity has not been adjudicated. (The Court further finds that Petitioner is the former stepparent of the child, that the child is at least two years old, (and that Petitioner has been a managing conservator for at least one year).)

7. *Residence with Petitioner*

The Court finds that the child has lived in the home of Petitioner for at least six months.

8. *Pre-Adoptive Home Screening*

The Court finds that the pre-adoptive home screening required by Section 107.0511 of the Texas Family Code has been made and is on file.

9. *Post-Placement Adoptive Report*

The Court finds that the post-placement adoptive report required by Section 107.052 of the Texas Family Code has been made and is on file.

10. *Health, Social, Educational, and Genetic History Report*

The Court finds that the preparation and filing of the health, social, educational, and genetic history report concerning the child _____ has been waived by this Court. The requirement of submission of the report to the child's adoptive parent _____ is [waived OR on file].

OR

The Court finds that the preparation and filing of the health, social, educational, and genetic history report concerning the child _____ is not required by section 162.005 of the Texas Family Code.

[if child adopted by grandparent, aunt or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption, or by stepparent/

11. *Criminal History Record Information*

The Court finds that the criminal history record information required for _____ is on file in the record of this case.

12. *Interstate Compact*

The Court finds that Petitioner has filed a verified allegation or statement regarding compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children as required by section 162.002 of the Texas Family Code.

13. *Adoption Granted*

The Court finds that all prerequisites and requirements for adoption have been met and that the adoption is in the best interests of the child. IT IS ORDERED that the adoption of the child the subject of this suit by Petitioner is GRANTED and that the parent-child relationship is created between the child and Petitioner for all purposes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the name of the child the subject of this suit is changed to

_____.

14. *Citizenship*

The Court finds that the child adopted is a citizen by birth of the United States of America.

15. *Court Costs*

IT IS ORDERED AND DECREED that costs of court are to be borne by the party who incurred them. It is noted, however, that petitioner has filed an Affidavit of Inability to Pay Costs which is specifically approved by this Court.

16. *Transmitting Report; Sealing Files*

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk of this Court shall, after entry of final orders in this case, transmit to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Austin, Texas, a certified report of adoption in

accordance with section 108.003 of the Texas Family Code. All papers and records in this case, including the minutes of the Court, are ordered sealed.

17. *Relief Not Granted*

IT IS ORDERED that all relief requested in this case and not expressly granted is denied.

18. *Date of Order*

SIGNED on _____.

JUDGE PRESIDING

APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

_____, Petitioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

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