

STATE OF MAINE

PROBATE COURT

County: _____

Docket No. _____

DISTRICT COURT

Location: _____

Docket No. _____

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of:

Name of Adoptee

**CONSENT OF PARENT
TO ADOPTION**

18-C M.R.S. §§ 9-202(2), 9-302(1)(B)

I, _____, am the biological and/or legal parent of the above-named minor adoptee.

1. I understand that a petition to adopt my child is currently pending and upon this adoption my child will become the legal child of the petitioner(s) who will assume all parental rights and responsibilities with respect to my child.
2. I wish to consent and voluntarily agree to this adoption. I understand that this consent is final and irrevocable once duly executed.
3. I understand that I am consenting only to the currently pending adoption.
4. Check if the following is desired:
 - I ask the Court to place in the decree of adoption an entry that will preserve to my child the right to inherit from my kin and me. I understand that absent this entry my child will not have the right to inherit from me or my kin. 18-C M.R.S. § 9-308(6)(A).
5. I understand that I have the right to have a lawyer's advice before signing this consent and that if I want a lawyer and cannot afford one, a lawyer will be assigned to represent me.
6. I have been advised that the Court may approve my consent only if the following conditions are met:
 - A licensed child placing agency or the Department of Health and Human Services certifies to the Court that counseling was provided to me or was offered and refused by me (this requirement does not apply if one of the petitioners is a blood relative);
 - The Court has explained my parental rights and responsibilities and the effects of the consent, and that **I have the right to revoke this consent within five (5) working days;**
 - The Court has informed me of the existence of the adoption registry and the services available under 22 M.R.S. § 2706-A;
 - The Court determines that this consent has been duly executed and was given freely after I was informed of my rights; and
 - The Court determines that this consent is in the child's best interest.

In accordance with 18-C M.R.S. § 9-302(1)(B), I hereby consent to the adoption of the above-named adoptee by _____ (name) and _____ (name).

Dated: _____

Signature of Consenting Parent

STATE OF MAINE

_____, COUNTY

Personally appeared the above-named _____, who under penalty of perjury, affirmed the truth of the facts in the foregoing consent as far as known or informed and freely and with full knowledge of the consequences, executed this consent as of the date above written.

Dated: _____

Judge, Probate Court / District Court

APPROVAL

This matter has been received by the court and docketed. I find this consent to be in the best interest of the child. I hereby approve this consent.

Dated: _____

Judge, Probate Court / District Court

**WITHDRAWAL OR REVOCATION
(Before Probate or District Court Judge)**

I hereby withdraw or revoke this consent.

Dated: _____

Signature of Parent

Dated: _____

Judge, Probate Court / District Court