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(8), 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 I have the right to revoke this consent within 5 working days**.

3. I understand that I am consenting only to the currently pending adoption.

4. ☐ I want the adoption decree to allow my child to inherit from me. 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:

   ☐ This consent is being signed at least 72 hours after my child's birth or, if the Indian Child Welfare Act applies to my case, at least 11 days after my child's birth pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1913(a) and 22 M.R.S. § 3946.

   ☐ I have been provided, or was offered and refused, counseling by a licensed child placing agency or the Department of Health and Human Services (this requirement does not apply if one of the petitioners is a blood relative of the minor);

   ☐ The Court has explained my parental rights and responsibilities and the consequences of this consent;

   ☐ I have been provided information about the existence of the State of Maine 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

Address: _____

_____

Phone number: _____

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_____, 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 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