

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
(OUTSIDE MAINE)**
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:
 - I have followed the procedure required to make a consent valid in _____ (state in which consent is executed);
 - If this case involves an Indian child as defined by 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4) and 22 M.R.S. § 3943(8), this consent is being signed at least 11 days after my child's birth pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1913(a) and 22 M.R.S. § 3946.
 - The Court has explained my parental rights and responsibilities and the consequences of this consent under the laws of _____ (state in which consent is executed);
 - 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

DUE EXECUTION

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

Dated: _____

Party Authorized to Take Consent

STATE OF _____,
_____ COUNTY

I, _____, presiding in _____ Court, located in and for the County of _____, in the State of _____, a court of comparable jurisdiction to that of the State of Maine District Court / Probate Court, do hereby certify that _____, parent (the "consenting parent") appeared before me on (date) _____ and, after I followed the procedure to make a consent valid in the State of _____ the consenting parent has executed the same.

Dated: _____

Judge / Judge of Probate / Justice

Seal

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of said Court this _____ day of _____ in the year of _____.

Judge / Judge of Probate / Justice

This matter has been received by the court in Maine and docketed. 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