

STEP-PARENT ADOPTION: ORDER FIXING DATE FOR HEARING
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IN THE MATTER OF AN ADOPTION OF A CHILD BY:	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHANCERY DIVISION/FAMILY PART
(Adopter's name above)	DOCKET NO.: FA-
	ORDER FIXING DATE FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL HEARING

THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT having been presented to the Court by (Adopter's Name) _____, pro se, for a judgment of adoption of (Adoptee's Name) _____ by the plaintiff in accordance with the provisions of the statute;

IT IS on this _____ day of _____, 20____ (Court fills in dates) ORDERED:

1. That on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ o'clock in the AM/PM or as soon thereafter as the Plaintiff can be heard, at the Cumberland County Courthouse, Broad and Fayette Streets, Bridgeton, New Jersey, be fixed as the time and place for the preliminary and final hearing on said application and of any objections that may be made thereto;

2. That (Agency) _____ is hereby appointed to make the investigation and written report required by N.J.S.A. 9:3-48 and the plaintiff shall assist to the fullest extent in the making of such an investigation and report.

HON. DOUGLAS M. RAINEAR,
Surrogate and Deputy Clerk Superior Court

(Complaint for step-parent adoption)

Plaintiff's Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF</p> <p>A CHILD BY _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION-FAMILY PART CUMBERLAND COUNTY</p> <p>CIVIL ACTION</p> <p>DOCKET NO.:</p> <p>VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR STEP- PARENT ADOPTION</p>
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_____, residing at _____,
(PLAINTIFF'S NAME)

City of _____, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, by way of
complaint says:

1. Plaintiff, _____, is _____ years old, a citizen of the
(NAME)

United States, residing at _____, _____, New
(ADDRESS)

Jersey and whose Social Security number is _____.

2. The plaintiff is the stepfather/stepmother of _____, the
(ADOPTEE CHILD'S NAME)

child to be adopted, being the spouse of _____,
(NAME/NATURAL PARENT)

the natural mother/father of the child to be adopted. The child to be adopted is

_____, who was born in _____
(ADOPTEE CHILD'S NAME) (PLACE OF BIRTH)

on _____ and is _____ years old.
(DATE OF BIRTH)

3. The plaintiff was married to _____ on _____
(NAME/NATURAL PARENT) (DATE)

and the child to be adopted has resided with him/her since date child began to live with adopter.

4. The natural mother/father of the child to be adopted is _____
(NAME/NATURAL PARENT- SPOUSE OF ADOPTER)
who was born on _____ and is ____ years of age. His/her social security number is _____. The natural mother/father of the child to be adopted was _____ at the time of Adoptee's birth. Attached is a
(MARITAL STATUS)
Consent to this adoption signed by _____ .
(NAME/NATURAL PARENT-SPOUSE OF ADOPTER)

5. The following are the plaintiff/stepparent's other children:

(INCLUDE PARENTS/ NAMES, DATE OF BIRTH, AGE AND PLACE RESIDING FOR EACH CHILD)

6. The child to be adopted is _____, born on _____
(ADOPTEE CHILD'S NAME) (DATE OF BIRTH)
in _____ . (S)he is _____ years of age and
(PLACE OF BIRTH)
his/her social security number is _____.

7. The child to be adopted _____ has resided with the plaintiff
(ADOPTEE CHILD'S NAME)
since _____ and after Plaintiff's marriage to _____
(DATE) (NATURAL PARENT'S NAME)
on _____ .
(MARRIAGE DATE)

8. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is the consent of _____
(NONCUSTODIAL NATURAL PARENT)
to the adoption of _____ by Adopter's Name .
(ADOPTEE CHILD'S NAME)

9. The child to be adopted _____ IS / IS NOT possessed of
(ADOPTEE CHILD'S NAME) (CIRCLE ONE)

any assets. (Should the child have any assets, list them here). _____

10. The child to be adopted will be known as _____
(NEW NAME OF ADOPTEE CHILD)
after adoption.

11. The plaintiff, _____, is presently employed by _____
(ADOPTER'S NAME)

(EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS, JOB TITLE OF ADOPTER)

The plaintiff has been and is able to support the child to be adopted.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, _____ demands judgment
(ADOPTER'S NAME)

granting the adoption of _____ by the plaintiff and
(ADOPTEE CHILD'S NAME)

changing the child's name to _____ as the
(ADOPTEE CHILD'S NEW NAME)

child will be known by after adoption .

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1. The undersigned hereby certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there are no other parties who should be joined in this action. I further certify that the matter in controversy is not subject to any other action pending in any Court or of a pending arbitration proceeding, nor is any other action or arbitration proceeding contemplated.

Dated: _____
(INSERT DATE OF SIGNATURE)

(SIGNATURE OF FILER/PLAINTIFF)

(PRINT NAME OF FILER/PLAINTIFF)

SAMPLE CONSENT OF A NATURAL PARENT (non-custodial) TO A PRIVATE OR STEP-PARENT ADOPTION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
) SS:
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND)

_____ (Natural Parent's Name), of full age, being duly sworn according to law,
upon her/his oath, deposes and says:

1. I was born on (Natural Parent's Date of Birth) _____ in (Place of Birth) _____
_____, and I am a citizen of (Country) _____.

2. I am the (Mother/Father) _____ of (Child's Name) _____ who was
born on (Child's DOB) _____ in (Child's place of birth) _____.

3. I herewith voluntarily surrender complete and permanent parental rights to my son/daughter (Child's
Name) _____, for adoptive placement with (Adopter's Name) _____,
who was born on (Adopter's DOB) _____ in (Adopter's place of birth) _____
and is a U.S. Citizen.

4. I invest (Adopter's Name) _____ with all rights, powers and privileges of
custody over my son/daughter (Child's Name) _____.

5. I am not capable of caring for my son/daughter for (state reasons, ex: economic, health) _____
_____, and of my own free will I
unreservedly and unconditionally release my son/daughter (Child's Name) _____, for
custody and adoption to (Adopter's Name) _____.

Signature Consenting Natural Parent

Sworn and Subscribed to Before me
this _____ day Of _____, 20____.

This document must be notarized By a Notary Public. Natural Parent must sign in front of a notary. This can be done in the Surrogate's Office.

within Judgment of Adoption be and the same are hereby terminated.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the entry of the within Judgment shall establish the same relationships, rights, duties and obligations between the adopted child and the adopting parent, as if such adopted child were born to such adopted parent in lawful wedlock, including but not limited to, the adopted child's rights of inheritance, as if born to the adopting parent, in lawful wedlock and shall be deemed the lawful issue of the adopting parent.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that neither the child nor the natural parents are members or eligible to be members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act and pursuant to Rule 5:10-6.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics, is directed and authorized to issue an amended birth certificate amending the child's name to

_____ and naming _____

_____ as the parent(s) of said child.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this Judgment shall not alter the parental rights and obligations of the biological parent, _____

_____ who is the spouse of the adopting parent herein.

HON. HAROLD U. JOHNSON, P.J.S.C.

Proof of Service: Adoption pleadings

Plaintiff's Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. # _____

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I certify that on date of mailing , I caused to be mailed to the birth father/mother (insert name)

_____, who resides at (address) _____

_____, by (type of mailing) _____

ex: UPS; FedEx: US Postal Service; Registered mail, certified, return receipt requested) a copy of the Verified Complaint for Adoption and the Order Fixing Date for Preliminary and Final Hearing.

I certify the foregoing statement made by me is true and correct. I am aware if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signature of Plaintiff/Adopting person

Date of signature: _____