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PETITIONER, PRO SE

Form # 277

MONTANA \_\_\_\_\_

JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

In re the Adoption of :

\_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Initials of minor child)*

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner (Step-parent).

Dept. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S CONSENT TO STEP-PARENT ADOPTION**

I am the Petitioner's spouse. I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the following information is true and correct:

1. My full legal name is: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I am the  Mother/  Father  other: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Child's name)*
3. I declare the following statements, under penalty of perjury for the purpose of consenting to adoption of my biological child, \_\_\_\_\_ born on  
*(Child's name)*  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Date of birth)*
4. The child lives with me. I have legal and physical custody of the child.
5. I have received and reviewed a copy of the Petitioner's Petition for Adoption filed by \_\_\_\_\_, in the above-captioned matter. I affirm that I have read and that I understand and do agree with all of the allegations in the Petition.
6. I affirm that the child is not affiliated with any tribe, is not a tribal member or tribal descendent.

7.  I affirm that, \_\_\_\_\_, is the biological parent of the child, and has consented to the adoption of the child by the Petitioner (my spouse). The other parent acknowledged his/her understanding that this adoption will terminate all his/her parental rights to the child, and terminate their obligation to support the child.

or

The other parent has abandoned and/or cannot be found and diligent effort has been made to provide notice to him/her of these proceedings.

or

The other parent has died.

8. I affirm and understand that the adoption will end the parent-child relationship between the other parent and the child. I understand that the adoption will end any existing court orders for custody, visitation, or communication by the other parent and the child.

9. I affirm and understand that the adoption will not end my parent-child relationship with the child.

10. I affirm that a strong parenting relationship has grown between the child and the Petitioner, and that such relationship has grown with my consent. I believe that relationship has promoted and will be in the child's best interests.

11. I want the Petitioner to adopt my child. My consent to the adoption is voluntary and unequivocal.

12. I affirm that the child, if old enough, has expressed to me a strong desire to have a parent-child relationship with this step-parent.

13. I have discussed and considered the legal consequences of a parental termination order and a step-parent adoption order. I am satisfied that I understand the legal and practical consequences of such orders.

14. I affirm and understand that even after the adoption, the child will still have rights to inherit from the other parent if the biological parent is no longer living at the time of adoption. The child's descendants (children, grandchildren, etc.) will still have rights to inherit from the other parent.

15. I voluntarily consent and affirmatively request that the Court enter an Order terminating the parental rights of the child's biological parent \_\_\_\_\_, and that such order be consolidated with an order granting Petitioner the right, to adopt my child \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Child's name)*

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MONTANA                )  
    : ss  
County of \_\_\_\_\_                )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_