**CONSENT OF SPOUSE TO THE ADOPTION**

**OF MINOR CHILD BY STEPPARENT**

 I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, state that I am a legal parent of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who was born in the year of \_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am currently a resident of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and am a legal adult over the age of eighteen (18).

 I understand that a Petition will be filed seeking the adoption of this child by my spouse, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is the child’s stepparent. The child’s legal parent, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has voluntarily consented to the adoption requested by the Petition.

 To the best of my knowledge, neither the child nor I am a member of or eligible for membership in an Indian tribe recognized by federal law.

 I do freely and voluntarily consent to the adoption of my child by petitioner as her/his own, and understand that the child will remain my child and become the adopted child of the petitioner.

 I have read and understand this document and freely and voluntarily sign it.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Signature of Spouse of Petitioner

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT BEFORE JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ )

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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ )

 I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Judge of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name and location of court), certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the same person whose name is signed on this consent, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that she/he signed this consent as her/his free and voluntary act, for the specified purpose.

 I have fully explained that by signing this consent she/he is agreeing to the child being adopted by his/her spouse and she/he has stated that such is her/his intention and desire.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

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 Judge of the District Court

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT BEFORE NOTARIAL OFFICER**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ )

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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

This consent was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(date) at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(time) by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of person).

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 (Signature of notarial officer)

(SEAL, if any) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Title (and rank)

My Appointment Expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.