**PARENT’S CONSENT TO THE ADOPTION**

**OF MINOR CHILD BY STEPPARENT**

**NOTICE TO PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:**

**This is an important legal document and by signing it, you are permanently giving up all custody and other parental rights to the child named in this consent. You are agreeing to the child's adoption. If you are ordered to pay child support for the child, you may be required to file a separate motion in the case with the child support orders to stop and terminate the child support orders. You are to receive a copy of this document.**

 I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, state that I am a legal parent of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who was born in the year of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am currently residing in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 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 his/her stepparent, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and that the petitioner’s spouse, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is also a legal parent of the child, has voluntarily consented to the adoption requested by the Petition.

 I freely and voluntarily, without being pressured or forced or paid money, consent to the adoption of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 I understand that by signing this consent, I do give up all custody and other parental rights I have to the child. I understand that this consent is final when signed unless I allege and prove by clear and convincing evidence, prior to the final decree of adoption, that my consent was not freely and voluntarily given.

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

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

Signature of Parent of Child to be Adopted

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT BEFORE JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT**

STATE OF KANSAS )

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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 permanently giving up all parental rights to the child 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).

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

(Signature of notarial officer)

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

Title (and rank)

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