

State of Minnesota

District Court

County

Judicial District:

Court File Number:

Case Type: Adoption

**In Re the Petition of:**

\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner  
And  
\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner

**Admission of Paternity and  
Intent to Claim Parental  
Rights**

**To Adopt:**

\_\_\_\_\_.  
(child's current name)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of registered man*), received a Notice to Registered Putative Father and Notice of Jurisdiction and, being duly sworn upon oath, I state as follows:

1. I was born \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (*mm/dd/yy*) and am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age. I reside at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*Street address*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*City*) (State) (Zip) (County)

2. I have been advised \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of child's mother*) is the mother of a  male  female child born or expected to be born on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, whose name is  unknown to me  \_\_\_\_\_.  
(*child's name*)

3. I have registered with the Minnesota Fathers' Adoption Registry as father of this child.

4. I declare I am the father of the child.

5. I understand the mother wishes to consent to the adoption of this child.

6. I do not consent to the adoption of this child, and I understand I must return this completed form to the court administrator within 30 days of the date I received the Notice to Registered Putative Father and Notice of Jurisdiction.

7. I intend to retain my legal rights with respect to the child, and request to be notified of any further proceedings with respect to custody or adoption of the child.

8. I understand that, in order to preserve my right to retain an interest in the child, I must start a paternity action under the Parentage Act (Minn. Stat. §§ 257.51 to 257.74) within 30 days of the date I received the Notice to Registered Putative Father and Notice of Jurisdiction, or, if the child is not yet born, within 30 days after the birth of the child, unless I am unable to do so. I understand a paternity action is separate from the mailing of this form.
9. I intend to start a paternity action within 30 days of the date I received the Notice to Registered Putative Father. In the paternity action, I must state I am the father of the child for one or more of the reasons stated in Minn. Stat. § 257.55, subd. 1.
10. I enter my appearance in this case.
11. I understand the court will appoint an attorney to represent me at public expense if I timely file this completed form with the court administrator whose address was listed in the Notice to Registered Putative Father and Notice of Jurisdiction and if I complete an application for court-appointed counsel and the court determines I qualify financially for court appointed counsel.

**DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU ARE BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC OR  
COURT ADMINISTRATOR.**

**OATH**

I have been sworn and say under oath I have read and understand this form. The facts it contains are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that by signing this document I admit paternity of the child. I have signed this document freely and voluntarily.

Sworn/affirmed before me this  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public/Court Deputy

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Sign only in presence of notary or court clerk*  
 Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211, the undersigned acknowledges that costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded to the opposing party or parties for actions in bad faith; the assertion of a claim or a defense that is frivolous and that is costly to the other party; the assertion of an unfounded position solely to delay the ordinary course of the proceedings or to harass; or the commission of a fraud upon the Court.

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 E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_