State of Minnesota   **District Court**

County of: _____	Court File Number: _____
Judicial District: _____	Case Type: <u>Adoption – Stepparent</u>

In Re the Petition of:

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Petitioner (Parent)

AND

_____

Petitioner (Stepparent)

to Adopt:

_____

Child (Current Name)

_____

Child (Current Name)

_____

Child (Current Name)

Affidavit in Support of Motion to Waive Postplacement Assessment (ADO209)

Petitioners state as follows:

1. We make this affidavit in support of our request that the Court waive the requirement of a postplacement assessment and report.

2. We understand that, even if the Court waives the postplacement assessment, the Court must still direct the appropriate agency to conduct a background study, including a fingerprint check, of all individuals in the home age 13 or older.

3. We were married on _____ (date), and the minor child(ren) has/have lived with us since _____ (date).

4. Parent is the parent of the following child(ren):

   _____ (name) who was born on _____ (date), and Stepparent is a person related to the child as defined in Minn. Stat. § 245A.02, subd. 13.

_____ (name) who was
born on _____ (date), and Stepparent is a person related to the
child as defined in Minn. Stat. § 245A.02, subd. 13.

_____ (name) who was
born on _____ (date), and Stepparent is a person related to the
child as defined in Minn. Stat. § 245A.02, subd. 13.

5. The decision for Stepparent to adopt the child(ren) was a mutual decision in which we both participated equally. We agree to co-parent the child(ren) and to share all parental and financial responsibility regarding the child(ren).

6. We have co-parented the child(ren) since the child(ren) began living with us, and we have each developed a parent-child relationship with the child(ren).

7. The child(ren) is/are being raised in a loving and warm environment.

8. Parent is employed as _____ (occupation), and Stepparent is employed as _____ (occupation).

9. We ☐ own/☐ rent our home, which is located:

   Street Address: _____

   City, State, Zip: _____

   County: _____

10. ☐ We have listed each other as beneficiaries of our life insurance policies and have executed wills leaving our estates to the survivor.

11. We wish to legalize Stepparent's parental relationship with the child(ren) because it is in the child(ren)'s best interests. The child(ren) deserves the legal protection that will result from an adoption.

12. If Parent dies while the child(ren) is/are a minor, we do not want their life disrupted by guardianship or custody proceedings.

13. We also want Stepparent as a legal parent to the child(ren), to be able to obtain medical treatment for the child as needed and to communicate with the child's school as the child's parent.

14. The adoption of the child(ren) by Stepparent will also ensure that the child has a right to inherit from Stepparent's estate, and to enforce all other claims which arise out of the parent-child relationship, such as recovery in tort for the wrongful death of Stepparent, survivor benefits under the Social Security laws, and the right to claim continuing financial support from Stepparent.

15. We fully understand and accept the legal responsibilities and consequences of the adoption. We firmly believe that the adoption of the child(ren) by Stepparent is in the child(ren)'s best interests for all of the reasons stated above.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116

Date: _____

County and state where signed:

_____

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Petitioner/Parent

Date: _____

County and state where signed:

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Petitioner/Stepparent