

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
_____ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

IN RE: ADOPTION OF _____
(initials only)

ADOPTION NO. _____

PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF A FOREIGN BORN CHILD

To the Honorable, the Judge of said Court:

The Petition of _____ under
(Name(s) of Adopting Parent(s))

23 Pa. C.S. §§ 2701 and 2908 respectfully states that:

1. At least one of the Petitioners filing this Petition is a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and has resided in this Commonwealth since

(Provide at least month and year)

2. No other court in this Commonwealth or in any other state has reviewed, registered, finalized or otherwise assumed jurisdiction over the adoption of this child, except as follows: _____

(Provide name of court, county and state)

Explain the proceeding previously initiated and the resulting decision from the court:
(Attach all court decrees).

3. Petitioner(s) desire(s) to adopt this child known as

(Name of child as written on Foreign Decree)

and intend that such child shall be treated as one of (his/her/their) heirs and hereby declare(s) that (he/she/they) will perform all the duties of parent(s) to him/her.

4. The child has entered the United States pursuant to a United States visa. A true and correct copy of the United States visa is attached as an exhibit to this Petition. The United States visa was issued as an:

(Please circle one) IR-2, IR-3, IH-3, IR-4 or IH-4

5. a) The child's full name as shown on the United States visa is

b) The full birth name of the child as listed on the foreign birth certificate (if

available) is _____

c) The full name of the child as it appears on the foreign decree is _____

d) The full name of the child as he/she is to be known from this time forward is _____

6. The child has resided with Petitioner(s) for the following length of time _____

7. Information concerning the Petitioner(s), the adopting parent(s), is as follows:

a) Adopting Father:

1) Full name _____

2) Residence _____

3) Marital status _____

4) Age _____

5) Occupation _____

6) Religious affiliation _____

7) Racial background _____

8) Relationship to adoptee by blood or marriage, if any _____

9) Daytime telephone no. _____

b) Adopting Mother:

1) Full name _____

2) Residence _____

3) Marital status _____

4) Age _____

5) Occupation _____

6) Religious affiliation _____

7) Racial background _____

8) Relationship to adoptee by blood or marriage, if any _____

9) Daytime telephone no. _____

8. The following reports, as applicable, have been completed as of the dates set forth below. A true and correct copy of each of these reports is attached as an exhibit to this Petition.

a) Report of Intermediary described in 23 Pa. C.S. § 2533 _____

b) Home Study and/or Preplacement Reports described in 23 Pa. C.S. § 2530 _____

c) Investigation Reports described in 23 Pa. C.S. § 2535 _____

d) Postplacement Reports, if any _____

9. Information concerning the intermediary agency, if any, is as follows:

Name of agency _____

Address _____

Telephone no. _____

County where office is located _____

10. If there is no report of an intermediary, the following information is being provided by the Petitioner(s) as to the adoptee child:

- a) Sex _____
- b) Racial background _____
- c) Age _____
- d) Birth date _____
- e) Birthplace _____
- f) Places of residence since birth _____

g) Religious affiliation _____

h) A full statement of the value of all property owned or possessed by the child, if any

i) State whether medical history information was obtained, and if not, explain why not

11. If there is no report of an intermediary, and the adoptee child is under 18 years of age, provide the following information as to the birth mother, if known:

a) Name _____

b) Residence or last known address _____

c) Racial background _____

d) Age _____

e) Marital status as of the time of the birth of child _____

f) Marital status during one year prior to birth of child _____

g) Religious affiliation _____

h) Birth mother's parental rights were terminated by decree of _____

_____ dated _____

12. If there is no report of an intermediary, and the adoptee child is under 18 years of age, provide the following information as to the birth father, if known:

a) Name _____

b) Residence or last known address _____

c) Racial background _____

d) Age _____

e) Marital status as of the time of the birth of child _____

f) Marital status during one year prior to birth of child _____

g) Religious affiliation _____

h) Birth father's parental rights were terminated by decree of _____

_____ dated _____

13. If there is no report of an intermediary, attach a copy of the birth certificate. If no birth certificate or other birth identification issued by the country of birth can be obtained, a statement of the reason and a detailed explanation of the efforts made to obtain the certificate are required and attached as an exhibit to this Petition.

14. If there is no report of an intermediary, attach copies of any foreign decrees and/or documents concerning this adoption, including any decree terminating the parental rights of birth mother and/or birth father, if needed, with an English translation for those decrees and/or documents not in English, certified by a translator to be true and correct translations of the foreign decrees and/or documents.

15. If there is no report of an intermediary, attach all consents required by Section 2711 of the Adoption Code, 23 Pa. C.S. § 2711. If consents are not required, explain:

16. Attach Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records Form No. HD01273F, Certificate of Adoption of a Foreign-Born Child with Parts 1 and 2 (and Part 3, if applicable) completed.

17. Attach Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records Form No. HD01275F, Statement of Citizenship and Residency.

18. Attach U.S. Government Form N-560, Certificate of Citizenship, and/or a copy of the child's United States passport, if either or both documents are available.

19. It is the desire of the Petitioner(s) that the relationship of parent and child be established between the Petitioner(s) and the adoptee child.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner(s) pray your Honorable Court to enter a Final Decree that the child proposed to be adopted shall have all the rights of a child and heir of Petitioner(s) and Petitioner(s) shall be subject to the duties as parents of such child, and that the child's name shall henceforth be

DATE: _____

Signature of Adopting Parent¹

Signature of Adopting Parent

(If represented, counsel's name, address, and telephone number)

¹ When there are two adopting parents, both must sign.

VERIFICATION TO PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF A FOREIGN BORN CHILD

I/We, _____, verify that I/we are the Petitioner(s) named in the foregoing Petition and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief. I/We further verify that all documents attached to this Petition are true and correct copies of the originals. I/We understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

DATE: _____

Signature of Adopting Parent

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