

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT _____

In the Matter of the Adoption of _____)
_____))
Child's Name after Adoption _____))
DOB: _____, _____))
By _____, _____) CASE NO. _____
Petitioner. _____))
_____))

ADOPTION PETITION

"Child" is the legal term for the person who is being adopted, regardless of the person's age. "Minor child" means an adoptee under 18 years of age. "Adult child" means an adoptee who is 18 years or older.

I. Court Information

This is the correct court location to hear this matter, because:

- ☐ The child is a minor and has an open Child in Need of Aid (CINA) case.
CINA case number (if known): _____.
- ☐ This is the same court location where the CINA case is happening.
- ☐ The CINA case is not happening in this location, but I (the petitioner) reside in the judicial district where this petition is being filed, **and** [check one]
- ☐ I gave notice to the CINA parties about the intent to file in this court. Proof of notice and/or consent is attached to this petition. I received no objections from any party in the CINA case.
- ☐ I do not know who the parties in the CINA case are and ask that the court provide notice. I understand that if any party objects to filing the adoption petition in this location, I will need to refile it in the same court location where the CINA case is happening.
- ☐ The child is a minor and does not have an open CINA case, **or** the child is an adult. This is the location where
- ☐ I (the petitioner) reside or serve in the military.
- ☐ the child resides at the time of filing.
- ☐ the agency that has care, custody, or control of the child is located.

II. Child's Information

- a. This adoption is for ☐ a minor child. ☐ an adult child.
- b. Child's current full name [leave blank if an agency adoption]: _____
- c. Child's name after adoption: _____
- d. Child was born on _____, in _____.
- Date City and State/Country
- e. Child's current address: _____
- f. How long has the child lived at the above address? _____ Years _____ Months

- g. For a **minor** child only, has the child been placed (currently living) with you (the petitioner)?
☐ No/Not Applicable.
☐ Yes. Date of placement: _____ By Whom: _____

- h. Names of birth parents, if known *[if child has been adopted before, list the names of the current adoptive parents]:*

- i. The child has no property of significant value, except:
[Includes money in bank accounts, ANCSA Corporation shares, real property, jewelry etc.]

<u>Description of Property</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- j. "Indian child" means an unmarried person under 18 years old, who is
(1) a member of an Indian tribe, **or**
(2) eligible to be a member of an Indian tribe **and** the biological child of a member of an Indian tribe.

Does the child qualify as an Indian child? *[Applies to minor child adoptions only]*

- ☐ No/Not Applicable.
☐ Yes. Fill out form [P-450](#), *Report of Indian Adoptive Placement*.

Name of child's tribe: _____

- k. To the best of your knowledge and belief, are there any other court cases (for example: custody, guardianship, etc.) involving this child now pending in a state or tribal court in Alaska or any other state? ☐ No. ☐ Yes. If yes, fill out the following:

<u>Type of Court Case</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Case No., if known</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

III. Petitioner Information

- a. Adopting parents:

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

- b. Marital status: ☐ not married.

☐ married. Spouse's name: _____.

Marriage occurred on _____, in _____.
Date City and State/Country

- c. Mailing address: _____

Residence address (if different): _____

How long have you resided in the above city? _____ Years _____ Months

Phone: _____ ☐ cell ☐ other Phone: _____ ☐ cell ☐ other

Email: _____

- d. ☐ I have a place to live and resources suitable to provide for the nurture and care of the child, and I desire to establish the relationship of parent and child with this child.
[Applies to minor child adoptions only]

IV. Adoption Information

- a. What kind of adoption is this?

- ☐ Private agency adoption. Name of Agency: _____
☐ State agency adoption. Name of Agency: _____
☐ Non-Agency/Independent adoption: ☐ Relative ☐ Nonrelative
☐ Stepparent adoption

- b. Is this an adoption of an Indian child? *[Applies to minor child adoptions only]*

- ☐ No/Not Applicable.
☐ Yes. I should be the adoptive parent, because
☐ I am a member of the child's extended family.
☐ I am another member of the child's tribe.
☐ I am a member of another Indian tribe.
☐ I believe there is good cause to deviate from the Indian Child Welfare Act's adoptive placement preferences, because: *[See 25 U.S.C. § 1915(a)]*

- c. Consent.

1. All of the following persons whose consent is required by Alaska Statute 25.23.040 have consented to this adoption:

- ☐ The biological or current adoptive parents, if the child is a **minor**:
[You may use [P-415](#) consent form.]
☐ Full Name of Parent A: _____
☐ Full Name of Parent B: _____
☐ The child, **if age 10 or older**. *[You may use [P-420](#) consent form.]*
☐ Any spouse of the child being adopted, whether a minor or adult.
[You may use [P-415](#) consent form.]
☐ Any other person who is lawfully entitled to custody of the child or empowered to consent. This includes the guardian of a minor or an incapacitated adult.
Person or agency's name and role:

I attached consent forms to this petition from each of the above persons. I understand that **consent or relinquishment must be signed in a hearing in the presence of a judge or a special master** when (1) the consenting parent is a parent of an Indian child, (2) the consenting parent is a minor, or (3) the consenting child being adopted is 10 years old or older.

2. If consent is not required because of a reason recognized in AS 25.23.050, please state the reason.

Name of Person whose Consent
is Not Needed

Reason

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- d. Visitation after the Adoption. *[Applies to minor child adoptions only. See AS 25.23.130.]*

1. The parent consenting to the adoption of the child has requested that the parent or another relative ☐ will ☐ will not be allowed visitation with the child following the adoption, as specified in that parent's consent/relinquishment.
2. I ☐ agree ☐ do not agree with this request.

- e. I believe that this adoption is in the best interests of this child.

- f. I also attached the following to this petition:

1. a certified copy of the child's birth certificate (or verification of the birth record);
2. a filled-out form VS-550,¹ *Descriptive Information Regarding Biological Parents*;
3. a filled-out form VS-501,¹ *Report of Adoption*;
4. the required consent forms from section IV(c); and
5. the report of expenditures required by AS 25.23.090. *[You may use form [P-406](#). This report is not required for a stepparent adoption or adoption of an adult child.]*

[If you are unable to provide any of the above requirements at the time of filing, your petition will still be accepted by the court, however, the case will not go forward until the required documents are filed. For some adoptions of a minor child, a home study may also be required before the adoption can be finalized. See AS 25.23.100.]

- g. I ask the court to

1. grant this petition for adoption and declare the child to be my child for all legal purposes,
2. declare that the child will be known from now on by the name shown at the top of page one of this petition, and
3. order that a new birth certificate be issued for the child: ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

¹ Email Health Analytics and Vital Records at BVSSpecialServices@alaska.gov or contact them by phone at (907) 465-3162 to get a blank VS form mailed to you. You can also pick up both forms in person in Juneau at 5441 Commercial Blvd., Juneau, AK; or in Anchorage at 3601 C St., Suite 128, Anchorage, AK. Some court locations may also have a supply available.

Verification

[DO NOT SIGN YET. This must be signed in front of a court clerk, notary public, or other person authorized to administer oaths.]

I state on oath or affirm that I have read this petition and that all statements made in it are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Signature of Adoptive Parent

Date

Signature of Adoptive Parent

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me at _____, Alaska
on _____.

(SEAL)

Court clerk, notary public, or other person
authorized to administer oaths.

My commission expires: _____

Certificate of Service

[File this petition with the court. Unless this is a stepparent adoption, you must serve a copy of this petition on the Department of Family and Community Services at:

*Office of Children's Services
Adoption Unit
P.O. Box 110630
Juneau, AK 99811-0630*

If the adoption involves a minor Indian child, you must also serve a copy of this petition on the relevant tribe.]

I certify that on _____, a copy of this petition was ☐ mailed ☐ hand-delivered
to: *[List everyone served and attach extra pages if necessary.]*

☐ _____ ☐ _____
☐ _____ ☐ _____

Your signature: _____