

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT _____

In the matter of the adoption of: _____)
_____)
Child's Name after Adoption _____)
By _____, _____) CASE NO. _____
Petitioner/Parent. _____) *[The court will fill this in]*

PETITION TO REGISTER FOREIGN ADOPTION ORDER OR DECREE¹

I. Petitioner's Information

I am the adoptive parent of the child named above.

Full name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Full mailing address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Email:* _____

* I agree to receive court documents by email instead of regular mail.

II. Child's Information

[Do not leave any sections blank. Write an estimate (or as much detail as you can) if you are not sure of the exact information. If you have no information at all, write "unknown."]

Date of Birth: _____ Time of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Place of Birth (complete address, including city, state/province, country):

Names of Birth Parents: _____

Current Residence of Child (complete address, including city, state/province, country):

Length of time the **child** has lived at this residence: _____ Years _____ Months

To the best of your knowledge and belief, are there any other court cases involving this child now pending in any other court (including foreign or tribal courts)? No. Yes. If yes:

Type of Court Case	Where	Case No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

¹ NOTE: Registering an adoption in Alaska and getting an Alaska birth certificate is not sufficient in itself to obtain United States citizenship for the adopted child. For more information about applying for citizenship, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/adoption> or contact your nearest Citizenship and Immigration Services office.

III. Adoption Information

I adopted the child in a court in the following foreign country:

The adoption order/decreed was signed by the court on _____ [date].

Another person also adopted the child at the same time as me:

Full name of other parent: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Full mailing address: _____

I attached the following documents to this petition:

- A copy of the foreign court’s adoption order/decreed. **[REQUIRED]**
- A certified translation of the adoption order/decreed **and** a certificate of the translator. *[REQUIRED if the order or decreed is not in English.]*
- A proposed order (form [P-491](#)) for the judge to complete and sign. **[REQUIRED. Fill out all sections until you reach the signature lines—leave those blank for the judge to sign.]**
- An original, signed, and filled-in form VS-501, *Report of Adoption*.² **[REQUIRED. Must be on archival paper. Print in black ink only. May not contain any alterations, cross-outs, erasures, or white-outs. See footnote below for where to get a copy of the blank form.]**

IV. Request

I ask the court to sign an order registering this adoption in Alaska.

- I also ask the court to order that a birth certificate be issued from the State of Alaska for the child in the name of:

First Middle Last

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 Petitioner

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: _____

² Email Health Analytics and Vital Records at BVSSpecialServices@alaska.gov or contact by phone at (907) 465-3162 to get a blank form mailed to you. Your local court may also have a supply available.