**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**FAMILY COURT**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH -- ADOPTION**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 )

**Ex Parte in the Matter of**  ) Adoption Case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 )

 The Petition of ) )

 [PETITIONER’S NAME] ) Judge/Magistrate Judge [NAME]

 )

**For Adoption of a Minor Child.** )

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

# FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION

 Upon consideration of the Petition for Adoption filed by [PETITIONER] for the adoption of a minor child born [CHILD DOB], in [CITY/STATE], and the report and recommendation of the Child and Family Services Agency of the District of Columbia, it appears to the satisfaction of the court that: (1) the court has jurisdiction pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-301 (2001); (2) the adoptee is physically, mentally, and otherwise suitable for adoption by the petitioner; (3) the petitioner is fit and able to give the adoptee a proper home and education; (4) the adoption will be in the best interests of the adoptee; (5) the adoptee has resided with the petitioner since [DATE], which is more than six months preceding the date of this Final Decree; the adoption form has been completed pursuant to Section 10 of the Vital Records Act of 1981, D.C. Code § 7-209 (Supp. 2003); and (7) that compliance with the Interstate Compact on Placement of Children Authorization Act of 1989, D.C. Code §§ 4-1421 to 4-1424 (2009), is not applicable due to the fact that the Petitioner resides in the District of Columbia [OR] that there has been compliance with the applicable provisions of the Interstate Compact on Placement of Children Authorization Act of 1989, D.C. Code §§ 4-1421 to 4-1424 (2009).

Accordingly, it is now by the court this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, [YEAR],

**ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that:

1. A Final Decree of Adoption be and is hereby entered establishing the legal relationship of natural parent and natural child for all purposes between [PETITIONER], the petitioner, and the adoptee, to the same extent as if the adoptee had been naturally born to the petitioner;

2. The [name of the adoptee be and is hereby legally changed to [new name of child]/legal name of adoptee shall remain [current name of child]]; and

3. The Clerk of the court is hereby authorized and directed to furnish four certified copies of this Final Decree of Adoption to the petitioner through the petitioner's counsel of record in this matter.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 [JUDGE NAME]

 (Signed in Chambers)

Copies to:

[ATTORNEY NAME]

[ADDRESS]

*Counsel for Petitioner*

[CFSA SENIOR MANAGER]

Adoptions Program Manager

Child and Family Services Agency

200 I Street S.E.

Washington, D.C. 20003