

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH – ADOPTION**

EX PARTE IN THE MATTER OF : **Adoption Case No. A-**
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THE PETITION OF :
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FOR ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD. : **JUDGE RONNA LEE BECK**
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FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION

Upon consideration of the Petition for Adoption filed by [petitioner's full name]¹ for the adoption of a minor child, currently named² [child's full name], born [date], in [place], 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: (1) That the court has jurisdiction pursuant to D.C. Code Ann. §16-301 (2001); (2) That the adoptee is physically, mentally, and otherwise suitable for adoption by the petitioner; (3) That the petitioner is fit and able to give the adoptee a proper home and education; (4) That the adoption will be for the best interests of the adoptee; (6) That the adoptee has resided with the petitioner since [date], which is more than six months preceding the date of this Final Decree; (6) That the adoption form has been completed pursuant to section 10 of the Vital Records Act of 1981, D.C. Code Ann. § 7-209 (Supp. 2003); and 7) That there

¹ If there are two petitioners, modify the order appropriately throughout.

² Use "currently named" only if petitioner desires to change the child's name.

has been compliance with the applicable provisions of the Interstate Compact on Placement of Children Authorization Act of 1989. D.C. Code Ann. §§ 4-1421 to 4-1424 (2001 and Supp. 2003).

Accordingly, it is now by the court this _____ day of _____, 2004

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

1. That 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's name], the adopter, and [child's current name], the adoptee, to the same extent as if the adoptee had been naturally born to the adopter.

2. That the name of the adoptee be and is hereby legally changed to [new name of child] [or that the name of adoptee shall remain [current name of child]]; and

3. That the Clerk of the Court is hereby authorized and directed to furnish four certified copies of this Final Decree of Adoption to the adopter through the adopter's counsel of record in this matter or to the adopter directly, if adopter is *pro se*.

JUDGE RONNA LEE BECK
(Signed in Chambers)

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