

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORPHANS' COURT (FAMILY COURT DIVISION IN PHILADELPHIA)

IN RE: FOREIGN ADOPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION TO REGISTER FOREIGN ADOPTION DECREE**  
**PURSUANT TO 23 Pa.C.S. § 2908**

1. Petitioner(s), the Adopting Parent(s) of the above-named adopted child, is/are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Petitioner(s) reside(s) in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Pennsylvania, at

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

3. Has any other court in this Commonwealth or in any other state reviewed, registered, finalized or otherwise assumed jurisdiction over the foreign adoption decree being registered here:

(check one)  Yes  No

If yes, please provide the name of the court, the state, and county, what was previously presented to the court and the resulting decision from the court (attach all court decrees):

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

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

4. The full name of the adopted child at birth as listed on the foreign birth certificate, if available, was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The full name of the adopted child as written on the foreign adoption decree is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The full name of the adopted child as he or she is to be known from this time forward is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The date of birth of the adopted child is \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The date of the foreign adoption decree is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The type of United States Visa issued to the adopted child is:  
(check one)     IR-2     IR-3     IH-3     IR-4     IH-4
10. The following documents are attached to this Petition:
- a. Copy of child's birth certificate or other birth identification issued by country of birth; if none, an affidavit of adopting parent(s) stating why none is available.
  - b. Copy of Decree of Adoption issued by foreign government; if Decree is not in English, an English translation certified by the translator to be true and correct.
  - c. Copy of adopted child's United States Visa.
  - d. 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.

- e. Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records Form No. HD01275F, Statement of Citizenship and Residency.
- f. Copy of 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.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner(s) request(s) that this Court enter a Decree authorizing the registration and docketing of the attached Foreign Adoption Decree with the Clerk of the appropriate Court and decreeing that

\_\_\_\_\_ shall henceforth be known as  
*(Name of child as written on Foreign Adoption Decree)*

\_\_\_\_\_ and shall have all the  
*(Child's name from this time forward)*  
rights of a child and heir of the Petitioner(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopting Parent<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopting Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime telephone no. for Adopting Parent(s)

<sup>1</sup>When there are two adopting parents, both must sign.

**VERIFICATION TO PETITION TO REGISTER FOREIGN ADOPTION DECREE  
PURSUANT TO 23 Pa.C.S. § 2908**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, verify that I/we am/are the Petitioner(s) named in the foregoing Petition, that I/we have read and understand the information set forth in the Instructions to the Petition to Register Foreign Adoption Decree, and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition 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 made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopting Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopting Parent

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION  
(FAMILY COURT DIVISION in Philadelphia County)

IN RE: FOREIGN ADOPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_  
ADOPTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL DECREE

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, it  
is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the Petition of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Adopting Parent(s))*  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Register

Foreign Adoption Decree is GRANTED and that this Court authorizes the  
registration and docketing of the Foreign Adoption Decree entered on

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date of Foreign Adoption Decree)* *(Name of Foreign Court)*  
in \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Foreign Country)*

It is FURTHER ORDERED and DECREED that the above Foreign Adoption  
Decree shall be enforceable as if this Court had entered the Decree and that

henceforth this child \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of child as written on Foreign Adoption Decree)*

shall be known as \_\_\_\_\_ and shall  
*(Child's name from this time forward)*

have all the rights of a child and heir of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Adopting Parent(s))*

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION  
(FAMILY COURT DIVISION in Philadelphia County)

IN RE: FOREIGN ADOPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_  
ADOPTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL DECREE

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, it  
is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the Petition of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Adopting Parent(s))  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Register

Foreign Adoption Decree is DENIED.

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

(FAMILY COURT DIVISION in Philadelphia County)

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(s) 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 check one)  IR-2  IR-3  IH-3  IR-4  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 Parent #1:

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 Parent #2:

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  
Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Home Study and/or Preplacement Reports described in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2530  
Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Investigation Reports described in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2535  
Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Postplacement Reports, if any  
Completion Date (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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 or adopted 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 or adopted 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 or adopted 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, with an English translation for those birth certificates not in English, certified by a translator to be true and correct. 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:

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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) to have a parent-child relationship established between the Petitioner(s) and the adoptee or adopted 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 Parent<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopting Parent

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>1</sup> 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopting Parent

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF

\_\_\_\_\_, PENNSYLVANIA

ORPHANS' COURT

(FAMILY COURT DIVISION in Philadelphia County)

IN RE: ADOPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_  
(initials only)

ADOPTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT OF THE INTERMEDIARY IN THE ADOPTION OF A FOREIGN BORN CHILD**

The report of the agency, \_\_\_\_\_, as  
intermediary, under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2533, states as follows:

1. Intermediary's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Intermediary's telephone no: \_\_\_\_\_  
County where office is located: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The facts as to the adoptee or adopted child are:
  - a) Name \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Sex \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Racial Background \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Age \_\_\_\_\_
  - e) Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - f) Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_
  - g) Religious affiliation \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of the placement of the child with the Petitioner(s), adopting parent(s),  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. If known, the facts as to the birth mother are:
  - a) Name \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Residence or last known address \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Racial background \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Age \_\_\_\_\_
  - e) Marital status as of the time of the birth of the child \_\_\_\_\_









**VERIFICATION TO REPORT OF INTERMEDIARY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, verify that I am

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Agency)

and I am authorized to take this verification on its behalf, and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further verify that all documents attached to this Report are true and correct copies of the originals. I 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

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

(FAMILY COURT DIVISION in Philadelphia County)

IN RE: ADOPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_  
(initials only)

ADOPTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PRELIMINARY DECREE

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_,  
upon consideration of the within Petition and on the motion of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Esquire, attorney for Petitioner(s) or \_\_\_\_\_, *Pro Se*, a hearing  
thereon is fixed for \_\_\_\_\_ in  
\_\_\_\_\_ before the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_ at  
\_\_\_\_\_ am/pm.

Notice shall be given to the following persons and or entities having any legal  
and/or physical rights to the child:

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_
2. NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_
3. NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
J.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

(FAMILY COURT DIVISION in Philadelphia County)

IN RE: ADOPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_  
(initials only)

ADOPTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL DECREE

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, upon consideration of the within Petition and after the hearing thereon, the Court having made an investigation to verify the statements of the Petition and other facts to give the Court full knowledge as to the desirability of the proposed adoption; and the Court, being satisfied, finds that the statements made in the Petition are true, that the needs and welfare of the child proposed to be adopted will be promoted by this adoption, and that all requirements of the Adoption Act have been met, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that this child,

\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby adopted,  
(Name of child as written on Foreign Decree)

shall be known as \_\_\_\_\_ and shall  
(Child's name from this time forward)

have all the rights of a child and heir of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Adopting Parent(s))

\_\_\_\_\_, and shall be subject to the duties of a child to said adopting parent(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
J.