

STATE OF MAINE

PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location of Court

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Adoptee)

**NOTICE TO LEGAL  
FATHER WHO IS NOT THE  
BIOLOGICAL FATHER  
ABOUT PENDING  
ADOPTION<sup>1</sup>**

This notice is directed to \_\_\_\_\_  
(name and address) that \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of birth mother) wishes to consent to the adoption of her child named \_\_\_\_\_  
who was born on \_\_\_\_\_,  
or to execute a surrender and release of her rights to the child which will allow the child to be  
adopted. She has named you as the father of said child. You have not consented to the adoption according  
to the records of this Court. The adoption, consent of the surrender and release has been filed and is  
pending in the Probate Court in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

**THIS PROCEEDING MAY AFFECT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. IF YOU WISH TO  
CHALLENGE OR CONTEST THE PETITION OR OTHERWISE TO PROTECT YOUR  
RIGHTS, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN TWENTY DAYS OF YOUR  
RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE.**

Your response should set forth your objections to or comments on any matter in the attached petition. It  
must be filed with the court at \_\_\_\_\_ and  
a copy must be sent, before or simultaneously with its filing in the court, to the petitioner's attorney whose  
name, address and telephone number are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
or, if there is no attorney, to the petitioner, whose name, address and telephone number are \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Register of Probate

**SERVICE BY SHERIFF**

**STATE OF MAINE**

\_\_\_\_\_, SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (deputy sheriff), served a copy of  
this notice on \_\_\_\_\_ (putative father)  
by giving him a copy of this notice in hand on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff

MARP

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<sup>1</sup> 18-A MRSA § 9-302(b)(1)(i)