

STATE OF MAINE

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF _____

Location of Court

DOCKET NO. _____

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of:

(Name of Adoptee)

**CONSENT OF
PETITIONING OR NON-PETITIONING PARENT**

1. I, _____, am
the _____ mother _____ father of _____, born in
_____ on the _____ day of
_____, My address is _____
_____. My telephone number is _____. The _____ mother
_____ father of the child is _____ and _____ her
_____ his address is _____
2. The proposed adoptive parents are _____
3. I understand that a petition to adopt my child is currently pending in _____
County, Maine, and upon this adoption my child will become the legal child of the petitioner(s) who will
assume all of the parental rights and responsibilities of natural parent(s) with respect to my child.
4. I wish to consent and voluntarily agree to this adoption. I understand that this consent is final and irrevocable
once duly executed.
5. I understand that I am consenting only to the currently pending adoption.
6. Unless one of the adopting parents is the spouse of the natural parent of the child, check the following if
desired: (i.e. step parent)

_____ I ask the Court to place in the decree of adoption a special entry which will preserve to my child the
right to inherit from me and my kin. ¹

I understand that if I have checked the previous sentence, such a special entry will be included in the decree. If I
have not checked it, the Court in its discretion will decide whether or not to include such a special entry in the
decree.

7. I understand that I have the right to obtain a lawyer's advice before signing this consent and that if I want a lawyer and cannot afford one, a lawyer can be appointed by this Court to represent me. I _____ request _____ do not request that this Court appoint a lawyer to represent me in this proceeding.²
8. I understand that it is important to keep the Court informed of my current name and address. ³
9. I have been advised that the Court may approve my consent only if the following conditions are met: ⁴
 - a. A licensed child placing agency or the department certifies to the Court that counseling was provided or was offered and refused: (This requirement does not apply if one of the petitioners is a blood relative or the adoptee is an adult.)⁵
 - b. The Court has explained my parental rights and responsibilities and the effects of the consent; and that I have the right to revoke this consent within 3 days and the existence of the adoption regularly and the services available under Title 22, Section 2706-A.^{6 7}
 - c. The Court determines that this consent has been duly executed and was given freely after I was informed of my rights.
 - d. The Court determines that this consent is in the best interest.

10. I hereby consent to the adoption of _____
by _____

Dated: _____
Signature of Consenting Parent

DUE EXECUTION

Personally appeared before me the above consenting parent, _____
who under penalty of perjury, affirmed the truth of the facts in the foregoing consent as far as known or informed
and freely and with full knowledge of the consequences, executed this consent as of the date above written.

Dated: _____
Judge of Probate

**WITHDRAWAL OR REVOCATION
(Before Judge or Register of Probate)**

I hereby withdraw or revoke this consent.

Dated: _____

Signature of Parent

Dated: _____

Judge of Probate/Register of Probate

APPROVAL

This matter has been received by the Court and docketed. I find this consent to be in the interest of the child. I hereby approve this consent.

Dated: _____

Judge of Probate

THIS FORM MAY BE USED OUTSIDE OF MAINE. IF SO, ENTER ORDER HERE.
SEE 19 MRSA § 1112 (8)

Currently Effective

¹ 18-MRSA § 2-109; 19 MRSA § 1105
² 19 MRSA § 1106
³ 19 MRSA § 1112(3)
⁴ 19 MRSA § 1112 (2)
⁵ 19 MRSA § 1112 (2) (A)
⁶ 19 MRSA § 1112 (2) (B)

⁷ Although the Court will acknowledge the signature of the consenting parent on the day is given, the Court will not consider the execution to be complete until the three day waiting period is over and the consent has been docketed. If this consent is taken by a Judge outside of Maine, that Judge should not release this consent form from Court custody until the three day period for revocation has passed.

Effective October 1, 1997

¹18-A MRSA § 2-109; 18-A MRSA § 9-105
²18-A MRSA § 9-106
³18-A MRSA 9-202 (c)

⁴18-A MRSA § 9-202 (b)

⁵18-A MRSA § 9-202 (b) (1)

⁶18-A MRSA § 9-202 (b) (2)

⁷Although the Court will acknowledge the signature of the consenting person on the day it is given, the Court will not consider the execution to be complete until the three day waiting period is over and the consent has been docketed (except when the consenting party is also the petitioner). If this consent is taken by a Judge outside of Maine, that Judge should not release this consent form from Court custody until the three day period for revocation has passed.

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