

STATE OF MAINE

PROBATE COURT

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT COURT

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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**In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Adoptee*

**FINDINGS AND DECREE  
OF ADOPTION OF CHILD**

18-C M.R.S. § 9-308

**FINDINGS**

- A. All necessary consents, releases or terminations of parental rights have been duly executed and filed;
- B. An adoption study was  required and filed  not required;
- C. All required notices have been served;
- D. A report of disbursements and expenses was  required and filed  not required;
- E. Petitioner(s) is/are (a) suitable adopting parent(s) and desire(s) to establish a parent-child relationship between the petitioner and adoptee;
- F. The best interests of the adoptee are served by adoption;
- G. All other statutory requirements have been met;
- H. The adoptee  is **not**  is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, or eligible for membership in a federally recognized Indian tribe and is the biological child of a member of an Indian tribe; and
- I.  If applicable, the parties have been informed of the existence of the adoption registry and the services available through the State of Maine Registrar of Vital Statistics under 22 M.R.S. § 2706-A.

**DECREE**

Based on the findings above, and after a hearing on the petition of:

\_\_\_\_\_

to adopt the above-named adoptee and to change the name of said adoptee to:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am satisfied of the identity and relationship of the parties, and of the petitioner's ability to bring up and educate the said adoptee properly, having reference to circumstances of said adoptee's parents, and of the fitness and propriety of such adoption.

**RIGHT TO INHERIT**  
**(18-C M.R.S. § 2-117)**

- Said adoptee shall not retain the right to inherit under Maine law.
- Said adoptee shall retain the right to inherit under Maine law.

Wherefore, I DECREE that said petition be granted, that from the date of this decree said adoptee is the child of petitioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

I further DECREE that the name of said adoptee be changed to \_\_\_\_\_

without requiring public notice of such change.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge, Probate Court / District Court