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## Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement

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7 **Sacramento, CA 95825**  
8 **916-555-9876**

9 **PAUL PARENT and CHRISTINE CHILD, IN PRO PER**

10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
11 FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

12 In the Matter of the Adoption of ) Case No.:  
13 **Christine Child,** )  
14 An Adult Person ) **PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF**

15 Enter the name of the person being adopted, followed by "An Adult Person" or "A Married Minor." Leave the Case Number blank. This will be assigned when you file your papers.

16 Petitioners allege:

17 1. Petitioner **Christine Child** is an adult person, who is **35** years of age, born on **January 15, 1995**, in **Sacramento, California**, and now residing at **9876 Elm Avenue, Sacramento**.  
18 Petitioner **Christine Child**, was married to **Charles Child** on **June 15, 2016** in **Elk Grove, California** and is still married to **Charles Child** and not lawfully separated from **Charles Child**.

19 In separate paragraphs, identify each petitioner, including their name, age, birthdate, and current address. If the petitioner is married, indicate the spouse's name, date of marriage, and if they are still married or are legally separated.

20 2. Petitioner **Paul Parent** is an adult person who is **66** years of age, born on **April 3, 1959**, in **Denver, Colorado**, and now residing at **1234 Main Street, Sacramento**. Petitioner **Paul Parent** was married to **Pamela Parent** on **December 1, 1994** in **Sacramento, California** and is still married to **Pamela Parent** and not lawfully separated from **Pamela Parent**.

21 Enter the date your adoption agreement was signed, and the party names as appropriate.

22 3. On or about **March 15, 2024**, petitioners  
23 agreement in which petitioner **Paul Parent** agreed to adopt petitioner **Christine Child**,  
24 petitioner **Christine Child** agreed to be adopted by petitioner **Paul Parent**, and both  
25 petitioners agreed to assume towards each other the legal relation of parent and child and

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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT

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1 to have all the rights and be subject to all the duties and responsibilities of that relation. A  
2 copy of the Adoption Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

3 4. The spouse of **Christine Child, Charles Child**, has duly consented in writing to the  
adoption sought herein. A copy of his/her consent is attached hereto as Exhibit B and made  
4 If the adoptee or adopter is married, their spouse's consent is required. Enter the names as appropriate  
to indicate that spousal consent has been obtained. If one or both are unmarried, remove the paragraph.

6 5. The spouse of **Paul Parent, Pamela Parent**, has duly consented in writing to the  
7 adoption sought herein. A copy of his/her consent is attached hereto as Exhibit C and made  
8 a part hereof. Enter the names of the petitioners as appropriate, to  
indicate that both parties desire this adoption.

9 6. Petitioner **Paul Parent** desires to adopt petitioner **Christine Child**, and petitioner  
10 **Christine Child** desires to be Indicate the family relationship between the parties, such as  
stepchild or nephew. If there is no family relationship, remove this

12 7. Petitioner **Christine Child** is a **stepdaughter** of petitioner **Paul Parent**.

13 8. **Petitioner Paul Parent has known Christine Child for 15 years. Petitioner Christine**  
14 **Child came to live with petitioner Paul Parent at the** Describe the length and nature of the  
15 **married petitioner, and resided in his home until he** relationship between the parties.  
16 **completed during the minority of Christine Child because the birth father would not**  
17 **give his consent to the adoption.**

18 9. The Petitioners seek this adoption in order to establish a legal relationship that exists in  
19 fact, and because it is in their best interest State reasons why this adoption is sought and is in  
20 rights and obligations of parent and child best interests of the parties and the public.  
21 of support. This adoption is in the public interest for the same reasons, and particularly  
22 because it will create legal duties of support between the petitioners and thereby reduce the  
23 likelihood of either petitioner becoming a public charge in the future.

24 10. The names and addresses of the living parents and adult children of petitioner **Christine**  
25 **Child** are as follows: List the names and addresses of the  
26 **Father's name and address** adoptee's parents and adult children. If  
**Mother's name and address** none, remove this paragraph.

28 11. **Paul Parent** has previously adopted **Name of previous adult adopted person**, an  
**adult person, on March 26, 2000, at Sacramento, California.**  
If the adopting parent, or the adopting parent's spouse, has previously adopted  
an adult, enter the name and date of that adoption. If not, remove this paragraph.

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3 12. Petitioner **Christine Child** wishes to continue to be known by that name (**or** be known  
4 by the name of **New Name**). Indicate if the adoptee wishes to keep their current  
name, or take the family name of the adoptive parent.

5 WHEREFORE, petitioners pray that the court permit all persons concerned in this matter to  
6 attend and be heard, and that the court examine all persons appearing before it as required  
7 by law, and if satisfied that the best interests of the parties and the public  
8 interest will be promoted by the proposed adoption, grant the petition, approve the  
9 agreement of adoption, and make a decree that **Christine Child** has been duly and legally  
10 adopted by petitioner **Paul Parent**. Enter the names of the parties as  
appropriate. Both parties must sign  
and date this petition.

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

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14 **Paul Parent**

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16 **Christine Child**

17 VERIFICATION

18 I, **Paul Parent**, am one of the petitioners in the above-entitled proceeding. I have read the  
19 foregoing petition and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own knowledge,  
20 except as to those matters which are therein alleged on information and belief, and, as to  
21 those matters, I believe it to be true.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
23 is true and correct.

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25 One party must sign the verification,  
indicating that the contents of the  
petition are true and correct. \_\_\_\_\_  
26 **Paul Parent**

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# EXHIBIT A

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14 An Adult Person

15 **Paul Parent, age 50, who lives at 1234 Main Street, Sacramento, and Christine Child, age 25,**  
16 **who lives at 9876 Elm Avenue, Sacramento, have entered into the following agreement:**

17 **WHEREAS, Paul Parent wishes to adopt Christine Child, and Christine Child wishes to be**  
18 **adopted by Paul Parent.**

19 **THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:**

20 1. To assume toward each other the legal relation of parent and  
21 responsibilities of that relation;  
22 2. To file a joint petition in the Superior Court of California, County of **Sacramento**, praying for  
23 approval of this Agreement of Adoption by issuance of a decree of adoption.

24 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
25 **Paul Parent**

26 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
27 **Christine Child**

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ADOPTION AGREEMENT

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12 In the Matter of the Adoption of } Case No.:  
13 **Christine Child,** } **CONSENT OF SPOUSE OF ADOPTED**  
14 An Adult Person } **PERSON**

15 I, **Charles Child,** hereby state that I was married to **Christine Child,** an adult person, on  
16 **June 15, 2006,** and that we remain married and are not  
17 consent to the adoption of my wife by **Paul Parent.**

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

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20 **Charles Child**

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CONSENT OF SPOUSE OF ADOPTED PERSON

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14 An Adult Person } **PARENT**

15 I, **Pamela Parent**, hereby state that I was married to **Paul Parent** on  
16 **December 1, 1994**, and that we remain married and are n  
17 consent to the adoption of **Christine Child**, an adult person, by my husband, **Paul Parent**.

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

19 \_\_\_\_\_ **Pamela Parent**

20 Sign and date the consent.

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CONSENT OF SPOUSE OF ADOPTING PARENT

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## Order of Adoption

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13 **Christine Child,** ORDER OF ADOPTION  
14 An Adult Person

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17 The petition of **Paul Parent** and **Christine Child** for adoption came on regularly to be heard  
18 on **April 15, 2024**, in Department No. **20** of this court, before the Honorable **Edward Smith**,  
19 Judge of the Superior Court. **Both petitioners appeared along with their attorney Robert**  
20 **Johnson. Charles Child**, the spouse of petitioner **Christine Child**, appeared. **Pamela**  
21 **Parent**, the spouse of petitioner **Paul Parent** also appeared.

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24 The court, having examined the petitioners, and received and considered the testimony and  
25 documentary evidence and arguments of counsel, finds as follows:  
26 1. Petitioner **Paul Parent** has attained the age of majority and is older than petitioner  
27 **Christine Child**.  
28 2. Petitioner **Christine Child** is an adult.

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ORDER OF ADOPTION

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