



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

SPECIFIC CONSENT TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND ADOPTION

IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_
STATE OF MISSOURI

In re the Matter of \_\_\_\_\_ )
("Child") \_\_\_\_\_ ) Case No \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND ADOPTION

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ .
(full legal name) (address)

I am a ( [ ] male [ ] female ) person and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_. I acknowledge that the following
statements are completed by me and each statement is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. The Child, \_\_\_\_\_ was born on \_\_\_\_\_
(full legal name)
in \_\_\_\_\_ .
(city/county/state)

2. My relationship to the Child is:
[ ] (A) I am the ( [ ] mother [ ] father ) of the Child.

OR

[ ] (B) I have been named as a possible birth father for the Child. I deny that I am the birth father of the Child;
however, in order to facilitate the location of a stable and secure home for the Child, I am willing to
execute this Consent and do so with the full understanding that its terms will apply to me if it turns out
that I am in fact the birth father of the Child. I understand that if I deny paternity, but consent to
adoption, I waive any future interest in the child.

3. Because I believe it is in the best interest of the Child and his or her future welfare, I voluntarily and of my
own free will forever consent to the termination of parental rights and obligations and consent to the
lawful adoption of the Child by: \_\_\_\_\_ .
(full legal name or names)

I UNDERSTAND AND INTEND THAT THIS CONSENT TO TERMINATION OF MY PARENTAL RIGHTS AND
CONSENT TO ADOPTION IS FINAL ONCE IT IS ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT
JURISDICTION.

4. I understand that as the parent of the Child, I may have the primary right to custody of the Child if I so choose,
even if I am a minor, and that by signing this Consent I am giving up any such right along with all my other
parental rights and obligations.

5. I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ years of education.

6. [ ] I read and understand the English language; or

[ ] I understand English and this Consent form was read to me; or

[ ] this Consent form was read to me in my native language of \_\_\_\_\_
by \_\_\_\_\_ .
(name of interpreter)

7. Check and complete all that apply:

- At the time of the Child's birth, I was married to \_\_\_\_\_  
(full legal name)
- I was married to \_\_\_\_\_ within the last 300 days prior to the  
child's birth. (full legal name)
- I am not married.
- My marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ was legally dissolved on \_\_\_\_\_  
(full legal name) (date)

8. Indian Child Welfare Act:

- As far as I know, neither I, nor any member of my family, which includes the Child, is a member of, or eligible for membership in a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaskan Native Village.

OR

- I, or a member of my family, which includes the Child, is a member of, or is eligible for membership in a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaskan Native Village. *Please see the relevant section at the end of this document.*

9. I have been informed of my right to be represented by my own attorney. I have also been informed that an attorney can be appointed to me if I cannot afford to hire an attorney. I also understand that I may review this document and seek advice of an attorney before signing this Consent.

- I have talked to and am represented by \_\_\_\_\_ regarding this Consent.  
(name of attorney)

OR

- I HEREBY WAIVE MY RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY.

10.  The Child is currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court/family court in \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
\_\_\_\_\_, in case number \_\_\_\_\_.  
(State)

11. By completing and signing this Consent I certify to the Court that I:

- i. Hereby submit to the jurisdiction of the Court of the State of Missouri.
- ii. Understand that this Consent will be filed with the juvenile court/family court in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Missouri and any other court in which proceedings concerning the Child may be pending.
- iii. Have had enough time to carefully consider whether or not consent to the termination of parental rights and adoption is in my own best interest and the best interest of the Child.
- iv. Have given careful thought to my decision to proceed with this Consent.
- v. Am not under the influence of any drug, medication, or other substance which might affect my reasoning or judgment.
- vi. Have signed this Consent to termination of parental rights and adoption of my own free will and without any duress or undue influence from anyone.
- vii. Have not been given any money or gifts, and no one has promised to provide me any money or gifts in exchange for my consent other than payment of expenses allowed by law.

12. I choose to:

waive service of summons and a copy of any petition seeking the termination of my parental rights and adoption as may hereafter be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction. I hereby waive my right to appear in any such proceedings and consent to a hearing thereof, at any time, without further notice to me;

OR

reserve the right to receive service of summons and a copy of any petition seeking the termination of my parental rights and adoption as may hereafter be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction regarding the child.

13. I understand the importance of identifying all possible fathers of the Child and may provide the names of all such persons: \_\_\_\_\_ .

14.  I am the birth mother, and I have not misrepresented to any man who could be the father of this Child that:

- i. I was not pregnant;
- ii. that the pregnancy was terminated;
- iii. that the Child has died; or
- iv. that the Child is not his.

**I CERTIFY BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW THAT I HAVE READ, CONSIDERED, AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that the statements provided above are true,  
(full legal name)

**complete and correct.**

Signature of Parent	Date	Time
Signature of Parent's Attorney	Date	Time
Signature of Parent's Guardian ad Litem (if required by §453.030.12 RSMo or other applicable law)	Date	Time

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR WITNESSES TO PARENT'S CONSENT**

STATE OF MISSOURI )

)

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared  
(month)

\_\_\_\_\_ known to me to be the person who executed this  
(full legal name of parent)

Consent to Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption and acknowledged to me that she/he executed the same for the purposes herein stated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNDERSIGNED WITNESSES CERTIFY BY THEIR SIGNATURES THAT \_\_\_\_\_  
(full legal name of parent)  
 SIGNED THE CONSENT AND THAT THE CONSENT WAS KNOWINGLY AND FREELY GIVEN. WE FURTHER  
 CERTIFY THAT WE ARE NOT THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS OF THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD.

Printed Name of Witness	Date	Time
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Signature of Witness	Full Address of Witness
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**INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT:**

Pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. §1913(a)), “Any parent or Indian custodian voluntarily consents...to termination of parental rights, such consent shall not be valid unless executed in writing and recorded before a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction and accompanied by the presiding judge's certificate that the terms and consequences of the consent were fully explained in detail and were fully understood by the parent or Indian custodian. The court shall also certify that either the parent or Indian custodian fully understood the explanation in English or that it was interpreted into a language that the parent or Indian custodian understood. Any consent given prior to, or within ten days after, birth of the Indian child shall not be valid.”

If the Indian Child Welfare Act is applicable then pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §1913(c), a “Parent may withdraw consent in voluntary TPR or adoptive placement for any reason at any time before the entry of a final decree of termination or adoption.”

The foregoing CONSENT TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND ADOPTION executed by

\_\_\_\_\_ In re the Matter of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Name) (Child)

has been reviewed, accepted and approved.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Court Commissioner  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_