

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Middlesex Division

Probate and Family Court Department

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

Petition for Adoption of

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of child)

M.G.L. c. 210, § 6

To the Justices of the Probate and Family Court:
RESPECTFULLY represents

PETITIONER (1)

If petitioner (1) is married, his/her spouse must
join in the petition:

\_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT name of petitioner)

\_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT name of spouse)

\_\_\_\_\_ (street address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city or town/state/zip code)

\_\_\_\_\_ (telephone number)

that they are (he/she is) desirous of adopting the following child:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (name of mother)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of father)

\_\_\_\_\_ (street address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (street address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city or town/state/zip code)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city or town/state/zip code)

3. that the petitioner(s) is (are) of sufficient ability to rear the child, and to provide suitable support
and education for the child; and,

4. that:

[ ] the child has resided for at least six months in the home of the petitioner(s.)

[ ] the child was the subject of a proceeding pursuant to M.G.L. c. 210, § 3 wherein the
Court dispensed with the need for consent of or notice to the parent(s) on a petition for
adoption.

[ ] the child was the subject of a surrender which was executed pursuant to M.G. L. c. 21 0,
§ 2. At the time of her surrender the mother was \_\_\_\_\_ years old. At the time of his
surrender the father (legal) was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

(OVER)

WHEREFORE they (he/she) pray(s):

- for leave to adopt said child;
- that the court waive the residence requirement for good cause: (explain)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and,
- that said child's name be changed to that of \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER 1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SPOUSE (PETITIONER 2)

This petition is sponsored, recommended and approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
(name and address of agency)

a charitable corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of engaging in the care of children and principally so engaged.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, being above the age of twelve years, hereby  
(PRINT name of child)  
consent to this adoption as above prayed. \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of child)

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_ WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARIZATION**

The above signed \_\_\_\_\_ made oath before me on \_\_\_\_\_ that  
(name of child) (date)  
this consent is his/her free act and deed.

Signature of Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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For Petitioner(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(firm name/street address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(city/town/state/zip code)

**PETITION - DECREE**

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

Citation issued \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

Tel. No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Returnable \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

B.B.O. # \_\_\_\_\_

Allowed \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

**Instructions**

1. Refer to M. G. L. c. 21 0, et seq.
2. A certified copy of the child's Birth Record (certificate) must be furnished.
3. The corresponding affidavit forms must accompany the filing of this petition.
4. Certification from the Department of Social Services that the child is not registered with the federal register for missing children must be filed. If the petition is presented, sponsored, or recommended by a charitable corporation organized under the general or special laws of the commonwealth for the purpose of engaging in the care of children and is principally so engaged, then no such certification is required.