CASE NO.PL.CV-AD-_____-_____

IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR
PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION)
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          OF   )
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PETITION FOR ADOPTION

_____)
         and   )
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_____)
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For Adoption of a Minor Child.)
_____)

TO: THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION, FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE.

      The Petition of _____ and _____ respectfully, shows:

I

      That the Petitioners are husband and wife; that their ages are _____ and _____ years, respectively; that both are more than ten years older than the child sought to be adopted, namely, _____ born _____, that both said Petitioners are now, and for period of _____ and _____ years, respectively prior to the filing of this Petition have been, actual and bona fide residents of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, Washoe County, Nevada, and are now residing at _____

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II

That the said child sought to be adopted, namely _____
was born on _____, and is the issue of a marriage between
_____ and _____, Petitioner herein; that the
parental rights of the natural father of said minor child were terminated on _____
by an Order of the above-entitled Court (OR: That the natural father of said minor child has
consented to said adoption); that said minor child has resided with the Petitioners in their home for
approximately _____

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OR:

That the said child has sought to be adopted, namely _____born
on _____, was born out of wedlock to your Petitioner, _____
_____, that the natural father of said minor child has consented to said
adoption; that said minor child has resided with the Petitioners in their home for approximately ____
_____ years, to wit: since _____

_____

OR:

That the child sought to be adopted was born on _____, that
said child was duly relinquished to _____ and _____
_____ appropriate consents to adoption will be filed
with the Clerk of the Court; that said minor child has resided with the petitioners for more than ____
_____ months having been placed with them by said agency on or about _____
_____; that said child is now approximately _____ years of age.

III

That it is the desire of the Petitioners herein that the relationship of parent and child be
established between Petitioner, _____, and the said minor
child.

IV

That the Petitioners herein desire that the name of said child be changed, and that the child,
_____ henceforth bear the name of
_____

V

That the Petitioners are fit and proper persons to have the care and custody of said minor
child.

VI

That the said Petitioners are financially able to provide for the support and maintenance of

said minor child.

VII

That there has been full compliance with the laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada in regards to consent to adoption.

VIII

That there has been full compliance with the Pyramid Lake Tribal Law & Order Code, inclusive.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray as follows:

For an Order awarding the custody of said minor child to them and declaring that said minor child shall henceforth be regarded and treated in all respects as the child of _____ _____ and _____ and that said minor child _____ shall henceforth bear the name of _____

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Dated: _____   _____
                                Petitioner

Dated: _____   _____
                                Petitioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____
Notary Public

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTION

I, _____, being first duly sworn on oath, affirm that I am the affiant in this cause that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, recollection and belief, as follows:

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DATE:_____   AFFIANT: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____
Notary Public/Court Administrator

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CASE INFORMATION TO THE COURT
WHEN SUBMITTING THE PETITION**

PLAINTIFF'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO(s): (H) _____ (W) _____

DEFENDANT'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO(s): (H) _____ (W) _____

$30.00 Filing Fee when Petition is returned and filed with the Court.
Service Fee/Inside Jurisdiction $15.00
Service fee/Outside Jurisdiction TBD

3.06.700 ADOPTIONS (pg. 77-78)

3.06.710 JURISTICTION

The Pyramid Lake Tribal Court shall have Jurisdiction to hear, approve or deny applications for adoption of or by members of those eligible for membership of the Pyramid Lake Tribe at a hearing conducted in private.

3.06.720 PROCEDURE

1.) Adoption proceedings may be instituted by filing a Petition with the Tribal Court which shall conduct the Proceedings in accordance with tribal procedures for civil action.

2.) Prior to the hearing, the Tribal Court shall cause an investigation to be made to determine what people have parental or other rights as regards the child to be adopted unless such rights have been terminated by the tribal Court or other court of lawful jurisdiction.

3.) At the hearing the Tribal Court shall question each parent or other persons with rights as regards the child to be adopted unless otherwise terminated. In a consensual adoption proceeding, the question shall be directed at determining whether the person consents to the termination of his or her rights to the child, and whether the person fully understands the consequences of the adoption proceedings. Unless each person fully understandings the effects of the adoption and knowingly consents to the adoption, the proceedings shall be terminated.

4.) The person or persons seeking to adopt the child shall appear before the court and be questioned by the court as to their qualifications as adoptive persons. The court may order such other investigation and reports of the adoptive household as are reasonably necessary to demonstrate the qualifications of the adoptive persons. Generally, Social Services shall accept the applications for adoption from interested persons screen the applicants and complete through investigation into their background and suitability prior to Hearing of the Petition to adopt. Written report of findings and recommendation shall be presented to the Court at Hearing of the Petition to Adopt.

5.) If the child is over the age of fourteen (14) years, the child must also appear before the Court and consent to the adoption in writing.

6.) After the court has heard all the facts on such adoption proceedings, and believes that it is to the best interests of the child to be adopted, it shall enter an Order accordingly which shall be kept in the records of the Pyramid Lake Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State of Nevada.