

## Adopting a Minor Child

Use these instructions and forms to assist you with Petitioning for Adoption of a Minor Child at the Chippewa Cree Tribal Court. It is important to note that these forms may not be right for your case. They cannot take the place of advice from a lawyer or lay advocate. Talk to a lawyer or a lay advocate if you have any questions.

Do not change these forms. If you change the forms, you might lose language you need.

What Forms Will I Need to Adopt a Minor Child?

- Petition for Adoption
- Relinquishment of Child and Consent to Adoption
- Minor Child's Consent to Adoption (only if the minor child is 12 or older)
- Summons
- Request for Law Enforcement to Serve
- Proposed Temporary Decree of Adoption
- Motion for Final Decree of Adoption
- Proposed Final Decree of Adoption

The **Petition for Adoption** asks the court to create a parent/child relationship between you and the minor child(ren). It also asks the court to end the parent/child relationship between the minor child(ren) and one or both natural parent(s) of the minor child(ren).

The **Relinquishment of Child and Consent to Adoption** is filled out by one or both natural parent(s) or current legal guardian(s) of the minor child giving up custody, care, and control of the child. It tells the court that the parent/guardian is knowingly waiving their rights to the child.

The **Minor Child's Consent to Adoption** must be completed by the minor child you are adopting if the minor child is 12 years of age or older. It tells the court that the child wants to be adopted by you.

The **Summons** is issued by the court and is an official notice to interested parties in the adoption, the Respondents, specifically the natural parent(s)/guardian(s), that you are petitioning the court to adopt the minor child at issue. It will let interested parties know that they have twenty-one (21) days to respond or appear in court.

The **Request for Law Enforcement to Serve** requests your local law enforcement to deliver the summons and a copy of your Petition for Adoption to the other interested parties/Respondents, and to attest to the service of the summons and petition upon completion.

The proposed **Temporary Decree of Adoption** asks the court to grant your Petition for Adoption for the six-month temporary adoption placement as outlined in the tribal code. The filled-out proposed order outlines what you are asking the court to grant for the adoption and makes it easier for the judge to issue a decision in your favor.

The **Motion for Final Decree of Adoption** is filed six months after a Temporary Decree of Adoption is issued and asks the court to issue a Final Decree of Adoption.

The proposed **Final Decree of Adoption** outlines what you are asking the court to grant for the final adoption and makes it easier for the judge to issue a decision in your favor.

What Do I Do With the Forms?

1. Fill out Forms

- \_\_\_ Fill out all blanks on the Petition for Adoption, Summons, and Request for Law Enforcement to Serve, and Proposed Temporary Decree of Adoption
- \_\_\_ Sign and date your Petition for Adoption
- \_\_\_ Fill out caption on all of the other forms, if possible. The caption looks like this:

<p>In the Matter of the Adoption of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Minor Child</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date of Birth</p> <p>By: _____,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Petitioner(s).</p>	<p>Cause No(s). _____</p> <p>(Will be assigned by Clerk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TITLE OF DOCUMENT</b></p>
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\_\_\_ Have relinquishing natural parent(s)/guardian(s) fill out the Relinquishment of Child and Consent to Adoption. The Relinquishment must be signed and notarized. If the natural parent(s)' rights have already been terminated, you do not have to use this form.

\_\_\_ If the child is 12 years or older, have the child fill out the Minor Child's Consent to Adoption. This must be signed by the child and notarized.

2. Make Copies

\_\_\_ Make at least one copy of each form once they are filled out and signed.

3. File Forms at the Court

\_\_\_ Go to the tribal court and give the Clerk of Court the original Petition, Consent, Child's consent if the minor child is 12 years or older, and the proposed Temporary Adoption Decree.

\_\_\_ If you cannot afford the filing fees, ask the Clerk for a filing fee waiver or an Affidavit of Inability to Pay.

\_\_\_ Give the clerk a self-addressed stamped envelope.

\_\_\_ Give your copies to the Clerk and ask them to stamp them as "Filed". Keep them in a safe place.

4. If Temporary Adoption Decree is granted, wait six months then file a motion for final adoption decree and proposed Final Adoption Decree.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

*Petitioner pro se*

**IN THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL COURT OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN  
RESERVATION, MONTANA**

<p>In the Matter of the Adoption of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ A Minor Child</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date of Birth</p> <p>By: _____, Petitioner(s).</p>	<p>Cause No(s). _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PETITION FOR ADOPTION</b></p>
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Petitioner(s), \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

respectfully state(s) the following:

I. Petitioner/Proposed Adoptive Parent Information

Petitioner/ Proposed Adopted Parent Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Married Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled Tribal Affiliation and/or Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell and/or Home Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Petitioner/Proposed Adopted Parent Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Married Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled Tribal Affiliation and/or Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell and/or Home Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Minor Child/Natural Parent/Guardian Information

Information for Minor Child

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of current caretaker(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner(s) relationship to the child: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If related, please indicate whether paternal or maternal)*

The names and addresses of the following relatives of the minor child are:

A. Maternal Grandparents:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Paternal Grandparents:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Maternal Aunts and Uncles:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. Paternal Aunts and Uncles:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. Other Relatives:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Information for Natural Mother of Minor Child

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Married Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled Tribal Affiliation and/or Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell and/or Home Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Has natural mother consented to relinquish parental rights for the adoption?

Yes. Please attach Consent.  No. Please explain why consent should be excused:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Information for Natural Father of Minor Child

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled Tribal Affiliation and/or Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell and/or Home Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Has natural father consented to relinquish parental rights for the adoption?

Yes. Please attach Consent.  No. Please explain why consent should be excused:

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III. Property of Minor Child

Please list the value of any real or personal property the above minor child currently has interest in under the natural parent(s) and/or which the child is expected to become entitled to if the adoption is granted.

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IV. Physical Care or Custody of the Minor Child

Please describe any facts related to the physical care or custody of the child, either past or present, which is relevant or important to support this petition for adoption:

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V. Cultural, Traditional, and Spiritual Development of the minor child

Please provide any statements on the ability of the proposed adoptive parent(s) to provide for the cultural, traditional, and/or spiritual development of the minor children:

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VI. Name change of minor child

Petitioner(s) asks this court to change the names of the minor child:

Minor Child                       No change in name being requested.

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

It is the desire of the Petitioner(s) that the relationship of parent and child be established between the rights and be subject to all duties of that relationship, including the right of support, protection, and inheritance and that the natural parents of said child shall be relieved of all parental responsibilities for said child and shall not have right over said adopted child or his/her property by descent or distribution.

THEREFORE, based on the above information, the Petitioner(s) request the court to do the following:



1. That the Court order an investigation to be conducted by the Department of Social Services. The report of the investigation shall be filed within thirty days of the order of investigation.
2. That the Court decree the above minor child as adopted by the proposed adopted parent(s)/petitioner(s) as his/her/their lawful and legal child;
3. That the name of the minor child be changed to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. That

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Petitioner pro se*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Co-Petitioner pro se*

STATE OF MONTANA

County of \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.

(notarial seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Court Clerk or Notary Public

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR ADOPTION:**  
**BACKGROUND CHECKS (BOTH ADOPTIVE PARENTS)**  
**MINOR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE**  
**MINOR CHILD'S SOCIAL SECURITY CARD**  
**BOTH ADOPTIVE PARENTS' BIRTH CERTIFICATES**  
**NOTARIZED PARENTAL RELINQUISHMENT FORMS FROM NATURAL PARENTS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

*Petitioner pro se*

**IN THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL COURT OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN  
RESERVATION, MONTANA**

<p>In the Matter of the Adoption of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ A Minor Child</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date of Birth</p> <p>By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Petitioner(s).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Cause No(s). _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RELINQUISHMENT OF CHILD AND CONSENT TO ADOPTION</b></p>
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare, under penalty of perjury, that the  
*(Relinquishing Parent/Guardian's Full Name)*

following information is true and correct:

1. I am the Mother/Father/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Child's Full Name)*

2. I am over 18 years old. I was born on (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_.

My Address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Mailing Address)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(City) (State)*

3. The child was born on (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State)

4. After considering my child's best interests, I am relinquishing or giving all custody, care, and control of the child to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner(s)'s Full Name). Their names, address, and phone numbers are:

Petitioner A's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner B's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State)

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. By signing this, I know that I am relinquishing or giving up all of my parental rights and giving my full and free consent to the adoption of the minor child at issue. I am agreeing to transfer the permanent physical and legal custody to, and the adoption of the child by, the Petitioner(s). I am doing this voluntarily and unequivocally. In other words, this is my choice and I have not been forced by anyone to make it. I am completely sure about my decision.

I know that I cannot change my mind once this is signed. Any failure by the Petitioner to allow me to visit or talk with the child will have no effect on my waiver.

6. I know that, upon the child's adoption, all of my parental rights and obligations to the child will be ended, except for any child support that is past due, unless waived.

7. I have not been offered money to complete this waiver.

8. I waive my right to notice of any court action dealing with the child. This waiver includes any hearing ending my parental/child relationship with the child and awarding custody to the Petitioner(s). Any adoption of the child may be heard at any time without giving me notice.

9. I have been given a copy of this document.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Print Name*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature*

STATE OF MONTANA

County of \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.

(notarial seal)

\_\_\_\_\_

Court Clerk or Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

*Petitioner pro se*

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I am the child named in this adoption. I am 12 years of age or older. I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the following information is true and correct:

1. My full name is: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I am the child named in this Adoption.
3. I live with my  Mother/  Father/  Other, full name:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. I want Petitioner(s) to adopt me. This is my choice. No one has made me agree to this adoption. I am completely sure that I want Petitioner(s) to adopt me.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Minor Child Signature*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Minor Child Printed Name*

STATE OF MONTANA

County of \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.

(notarial seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Court Clerk or Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

*Petitioner pro se*

**IN THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL COURT OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN  
RESERVATION, MONTANA**

<p>In the Matter of the Adoption of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ A Minor Child</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date of Birth</p> <p>By:</p> <p>_____,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Petitioner(s).</p>	<p>Cause No(s). _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUMMONS</b></p>
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**THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE OF THE ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION SENDS  
GREETINGS TO THE RESPONDENT, \_\_\_\_\_:**

YOU, RESPONDENT, \_\_\_\_\_, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED  
to answer the Petition in this action which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the above-named  
Court, a copy of which is served upon you with this Summons, and to file your answer and serve a  
copy of your answer upon the Petitioner pro se at the above-listed address within twenty-one days

after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Petition.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Tribal Court



\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

*Petitioner pro se*

**IN THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL COURT OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN  
RESERVATION, MONTANA**

<p>In the Matter of the Adoption of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ A Minor Child</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date of Birth</p> <p>By: _____,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Petitioner(s).</p>	<p>Cause No(s). _____</p> <p><b>REQUEST FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SERVE</b></p>
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To the Law Enforcement of

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ County

OR

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe:

Please serve upon the Respondent the following documents:

[ ] Summons (original and one copy)

[ ] Petition for Adoption

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Also enclosed is:

The Petitioner's Affidavit and Order of Inability to Pay Filing Fees which waives the fee for service in this matter;

OR

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for service in this matter.

Physical Description of Respondent: \_\_\_ ft \_\_\_ inches. Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

The Respondent  does/  does not carry a weapon.

At present, the Respondent can be found:

At his/her residence: \_\_\_\_\_.

Times normally at this address:  \_\_:\_\_ am/pm to \_\_:\_\_ am/pm and \_\_:\_\_ am/pm to \_\_:\_\_ am/pm.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

At his/her place of employment:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Times normally at this address:  \_\_:\_\_ am/pm to \_\_:\_\_ am/pm and \_\_:\_\_ am/pm to \_\_:\_\_ am/pm.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

Other location: \_\_\_\_\_.

Times normally at this address:  \_\_:\_\_ am/pm to \_\_:\_\_ am/pm and \_\_:\_\_ am/pm to \_\_:\_\_ am/pm.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

Please serve the papers upon the Respondent as soon as possible. Please return the original summons to me at the address above, along with proof of service or a statement that you were unable to locate the Respondent.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner pro se

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**Record of Service**

I certify that:

I personally served the following documents:

Summons (original and one copy)

Petition for Adoption

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

on the Respondent by delivering a copy to him/her personally on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

After due effort, I was unable to locate or serve the Respondent in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Law Enforcement Officer

**IN THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL COURT OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN  
RESERVATION, MONTANA**

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A Petition for Adoption was filed in this case. A hearing was held on (mm/dd/yyyy):  
\_\_\_\_\_. Based on the evidence, the Court finds:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Petitioner(s)

The Petitioner's name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Petitioner's Full Name)*

2. Minor Child

The child's name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Child's Full Name)*

The child was born in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(City) (State)

On (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Physical and Legal Custody of the Minor Child

The child lives with: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Person(s) the Child lives with)

The child has lived with this person(s) since (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Minor Child's Relationship to Petitioner

The Petitioner is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the child.  
(Petitioner's relation to the child)

The child has lived with and been in the Petitioner's physical custody since (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Parents' Consent and/or Minor Child's Consent

The child's natural  mother and/ or  father filed written consent to this adoption. That natural parent(s) has waived notice of the hearing, given up parental rights to the child, and consented to this adoption.

OR

The child's natural  mother and/ or  father have had their parental rights terminated.

AND

The minor child is twelve years of age or older and consents to this adoption by Petitioner.

6. Parent Minor Child Relationship

The Petitioner wants to adopt the child and form a parent/child relationship. The Petitioner also wants all the rights and duties that go along with a parent/child relationship.

7. Minor Child's Name

The Petitioner would like to:

Change the child's name to: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Child's New Name)

Keep the child's name the same.

8. Minor Child's Property

The child does not own any property of value.

The child owns the following property of value:

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**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. This court has jurisdiction over the adoption of the minor child at issue.
2. The Petitioner and child both live in this county. This court is the proper venue for this adoption.
3. It is in the child's best interests to end the rights of the natural mother and/ or father. The adoption by the Petitioner is in the child's best interests and should be ordered.

**ORDER**

This Court orders that:

1. The parent/child relationship status is ended between the child and the natural mother and/ or father. This parent(s) no longer has any rights to the child unless there is a court order for visits or communication with someone related to the child through one of the parents. The child keeps the right to inherit from the parent whose rights are ended by this adoption.
2. This final decree of adoption creates a parent/child relationship between the Petitioner(s) and the minor child. All the rights and duties of a parent/child relationship now exist between the Petitioner and the child.
3. The parent/child relationship for purposes of intestate succession is governed the American Indian Probate Reform Act, the Laws of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, and the Montana Code Annotated, Title 72. The post-placement evaluation period and evaluation for this adoption are waived.

4. The child was born  in Montana/ in another state. If the child was born in Montana and is under twelve, Vital Statistics must issue a new birth certificate to the child.
5. The child's name is  changed to \_\_\_\_\_/  will  
*(Minor Child's New Name)*  
stay the same.

DONE and DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

TRIBAL COURT JUDGE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number  
*Petitioner pro se*

**IN THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL COURT OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN  
RESERVATION, MONTANA**

<p>In the Matter of the Adoption of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ A Minor Child</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date of Birth</p> <p>By:</p> <p>_____, Petitioner(s).</p>	<p>Cause No(S). _____</p> <p><b>MOTION FOR FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION</b></p>
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Petitioner(s), \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully request the Court to issue a Final Decree of Adoption. A Petition for Adoption was filed in this case on (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_. A hearing was held on (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ and a Temporary Decree of Adoption was issued on (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_. The Petitioner(s) filed This Motion is made for the reason that the Department of Social Services submitted its written report on (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ and it has been six (6) months since the date of the Temporary Decree of Adoption.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Petitioner pro se*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Co-Petitioner pro se*

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Motion for Final Decree of Adoption** was served by U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereon, addressed as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent City, State, Zip Code  
*Respondent*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent City, State, Zip Code  
*Respondent*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner(s)

**IN THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL COURT OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN  
RESERVATION, MONTANA**

<p>In the Matter of the Adoption of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Minor Child</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date of Birth</p> <p>By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Petitioner(s).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Cause No(S). _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION</b></p>
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A Petition for Adoption was filed in this case. A hearing was held on (mm/dd/yyyy):  
\_\_\_\_\_. Based on the evidence, the Court finds:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Petitioner(s)

The Petitioner(s) name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Petitioner(s) Full Name(s))*

The Petitioner is  unmarried/  married to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Minor Child

The child's name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Child's Full Name)*

The child was born in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(City)* *(State)*

On (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Physical and Legal Custody of the Minor Child

The child lives with: \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Name of Person(s) the Child lives with)*

The child has lived with this person(s) since (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Minor Child's Relationship to Petitioner

The Petitioner is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the child.  
*(Petitioner's relation to the child)*

The child has lived with and been in the Petitioner's physical custody since (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Parents' Consent and/or Minor Child's Consent

The child's natural  mother and/ or  father filed written consent to this adoption. That natural parent(s) has waived notice of the hearing, given up parental rights to the child, and consented to this adoption.

OR

The child's natural  mother and/ or  father have had their parental rights terminated.

AND

The minor child is twelve years of age or older and consents to this adoption by Petitioner.

6. Parent Minor Child Relationship

The Petitioner wants to adopt the child and form a parent/child relationship. The Petitioner also wants all the rights and duties that go along with a parent/child relationship.

7. Minor Child's Name

The Petitioner would like to:

Change the child's name to: \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Child's New Name)*

Keep the child's name the same.

8. Minor Child's Property

The child does not own any property of value.

The child owns the following property of value:

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### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This court has jurisdiction over the adoption of the minor child at issue.
2. The Petitioner and child both live in this county. This court is the proper venue for this adoption.
3. It is in the child's best interests to end the rights of the natural mother and/ or  father. The adoption by the Petitioner is in the child's best interests and should be ordered.

### ORDER

This Court orders that:

4. The parent/child relationship status is ended between the child and the natural mother and/ or  father. This parent(s) no longer has any rights to the child unless there is a court order for visits or communication with someone related to the child through one of the parents. The child keeps the right to inherit from the parent whose rights are ended by this adoption.
5. This final decree of adoption creates a parent/child relationship between the Petitioner(s) and the minor child. All the rights and duties of a parent/child relationship now exist between the Petitioner and the child.
6. The parent/child relationship for purposes of intestate succession is governed by the American Indian Probate Reform Act, the Laws of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, and the Montana Code Annotated, Title 72.
7. The child was born  in Montana/  in another state. If the child was born in Montana and is under twelve, Vital Statistics must issue a new birth certificate to the child.
8. The child's name is  changed to \_\_\_\_\_ /  will  
*(Minor Child's New Name)*  
stay the same.

DONE and DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

TRIBAL COURT JUDGE