

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
OF [PETITIONERS]  
FOR ADOPTION OF THE  
MINOR CHILD NAMED HEREIN

[PETITIONERS]

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CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**AFFIDAVIT OF [PARENT'S FULL NAME] FOR  
WAIVER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS, JOINDER, AND  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

After being duly sworn, [Parent's Full Name], the biological [mother/father] of the minor children who are the subject of this proceeding, states the following under oath:

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF PARENT:**

1. I, [Parent's Full Name], am a resident citizen of the State of Mississippi, and I currently reside at \_\_\_\_\_, which is located in \_\_\_\_\_ County.
2. I am over the age of twenty-one years, and I am competent to testify to matters set forth in this affidavit based on my personal knowledge. My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_, and the last four digits of my Social Security Number are xxx-xx-\_\_\_\_\_.

**RELATIONSHIP OF PARENT AND CHILDREN:**

3. I am the biological [mother/father] of the following minor children:
  - a. [Child's name], a [male/female] child, who was born on [date], [at time if known], at [place of birth indicated on birth certificate] in [City], Mississippi, which is located in \_\_\_\_\_ County; and
  - b. [Child's name], a [male/female] child, who was born on [date], [at time if known], at [place of birth indicated on birth certificate] in [City], Mississippi, which is located in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

[the children may have been born in another state]

**VOLUNTARY RELEASE AND RELINQUISHMENT OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANN. § 93-15-111:**

4. After thoughtful and careful consideration, I voluntarily surrender my parental rights to my children. In doing so, I am fully aware that the court's acceptance of this surrender and voluntary release and relinquishment of parental rights will be final, and that I will not be entitled to receive notice of, or to testify at any future adoption proceedings concerning my children, and that I will be waiving the right to control or withhold consent to the adoption of my children.

**RIGHTS TO INHERITANCE WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED OR  
EVEN ELIMINATED:**

5. I am fully aware that the termination of my parental rights will significantly affect, or even eliminate, my rights to inherit from my children under the laws of Descent and Distribution in Chapter 1 of Title 91 of the Mississippi Code.

**SURRENDER OF CHILDREN, RELEASE AND RELINQUISHMENT OF  
PARENTAL RIGHTS ARE KNOWINGLY, INTELLIGENTLY, AND  
VOLUNTARILY MADE:**

6. By signing this document, I am knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily surrendering my parental rights concerning my children. I have completely read and understand all of the terms and conditions of this document and their consequences. My decision to sign this document is of my own free will. I am not under the influence of any medication or drug or intoxicating substance that has impaired my ability to act freely and voluntarily. No one has pressured me by fear, violence, deception, or improper inducements into signing this document. Instead, I am signing this document because I believe that surrendering my parental rights is in my children's best interests.

**RIGHT TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY:**

7. I am fully aware of my right to seek the advice of an attorney regarding the consequences of surrendering my parental rights under the terms and conditions of this document. I affirm that I have not received any legal advice from Petitioners' attorney, [attorney's name], concerning whether I should surrender my parental rights.

**WAIVER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS:**

8. I hereby waive service of process under Rule 4 and/or Rule 81 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, and I hereby enter my appearance in these proceedings and elect to represent myself in this matter. I do hereby waive any additional notice requirements in

regard to any proceedings or hearings that may hereafter be scheduled or conducted by this court in regard to my minor children.

**JOINDER:**

- 9. I also join in the Petition that was filed by Petitioner, [Petitioner], and consent to the temporary and permanent relief requested therein, including the termination of the parental rights of the biological [mother/father (other parent)], in regard to our minor children, and I affirm that this would be in the minor children’s best interests.
- 10. **I HEREBY AFFIRM UNDER OATH** that the facts set forth in the preceding paragraphs are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my signature on this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Parent’s Full Name]

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

**PERSONALLY** appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction stated, the within named [**Parent’s Full Name**], who was personally known by me or who provided appropriate identification through satisfactory evidence, and who first being duly sworn thereafter affirmed under oath that the facts set forth in the foregoing Affidavit for Waiver of Service of Process, Joinder, and Voluntary Surrender of Parental Rights are true and correct to the best of [his/her] knowledge and belief.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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