

In the
FAMILY COURT
Of St. Louis County, Missouri



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IN THE MATTER OF:

_____ Cause Number

_____ Petitioner(s)

_____ Division

JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF ADOPTION

Cause called. Appearances: Petitioner(s) in person and by attorney; the child, in person, and by the Guardian ad Litem; and the supervising agency by its authorized representative.

Cause heard and submitted. Whereupon, the Court finds by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that the following facts are true:

1. This Court has jurisdiction as required by Chapter 453 RSMo.
2. The allegations of the petition for adoption are true.
3. The child sought to be adopted was born on _____, and has been in the lawful and actual custody of the Petitioner(s) for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the entry of this decree.
4. A full investigation has been made and written reports have been submitted to this Court as required by §453.026 and §453.070 RSMo.
5. The Court has received and reviewed the contents of the updated financial affidavit required by §453.075 RSMo.
6. The court has received the recommendations of the Guardian ad Litem and has received and reviewed the recommendations of the person placing the child, the person making the assessment and the person making the post-placement assessment.
7. To the extent applicable, there is compliance with the provisions of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.
8. The child is suitable for adoption and the Petitioner(s) is/are suitable as parents for the child.
9. The Petitioner(s) has/have the ability to properly care for, maintain and educate the child.
10. _____

Accordingly, it is the opinion of this Court that it is fit and proper that the adoption be approved since the welfare of the child so demands and, further, that adoption is in the child's best interests.

Therefore, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that from the date of this decree the child shall, for all intents and purposes, be the child of _____ and that the name of the child be and is hereby changed to _____.

The Guardian ad Litem is allowed \$_____ as a judgment in favor of the Guardian ad Litem against Petitioner(s). Costs assessed against Petitioner(s).

Date

Judge, Family Court Division of the Circuit Court
St. Louis County, Missouri