

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

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(Full name of petitioning parent 1)

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(Full name of petitioning parent 2)

**FOR THE ADOPTION OF**

**DECREE OF  
ADULT ADOPTION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name by which adult adoptee is to be known)

This cause coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned, the Court, from all the evidence presented in this proceeding, makes the following findings of fact and law:

1. That all necessary parties are properly before the court: and, or, for adoptions filed on or after January 1, 2002 that notice of the adoption petition has been served on any person entitled to receive notice of this proceeding, or that notice has been waived by the court for cause pursuant to G.S. 48-2-401(d).
2. That the adoptee is:  eighteen years of age or older;  a married minor;  an emancipated minor and proper consent to the adoption has been given by him/her in writing and has been filed with this proceeding;
3. That any other necessary consent has been obtained and any other necessary documents or judicial orders have been obtained and filed with the Court;
4. That the adoptee was born in the State/Country of \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;
5. That a duly verified Petition for Adoption of said adult was filed with this Court by the above-named petitioner(s) on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;
6. That at least 30 days have elapsed since the filing of the Petition for Adoption or that requirement has been waived for cause by the Court;
7. That this adoption is entered into freely and without duress or undue influence for the purpose of creating the relation of parent and child between each petitioner and the adoptee, and each petitioner and the adoptee understand the consequences of the adoption;
8. That there has been substantial compliance in this proceeding with the provisions of Chapter 48;
9. That the Decree of Adoption establishes the relationship of parent and child between each petitioner and the individual being adopted. From the date of the signing of the Decree, the adoptee is entitled to inherit real and personal property by, through, and from the adoptive parents in accordance with the statutes on intestate succession and has the same legal status, including all legal rights and obligations of any kind whatsoever, as a child born the legitimate child of the adoptive parents.

10. That the Decree of Adoption severs the relationship of parent and child between the individual adopted and that individual's  Choose an item.  Choose an item.

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon the foregoing findings as a matter of law, it is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed: that from the date of the entry of this Decree, the adult is declared adopted for life by the petitioner(s) and that said

adult shall henceforth be known by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ and the State Registrar of Vital Records shall make a new birth certificate for said adult adoptee in accordance with the provisions of Section 48-9-102 (g) of the General Statutes.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Superior Court

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Four DSS-5166's are prepared. After the Clerk of Superior Court signs and affixes seal, one form is retained in the Clerk of Superior Court's office; one form is given to petitioners; and **two certified** copies are forwarded within ten days, **along with originals of all other documents filed in proceeding**, to the Division of Social Services, State Department of Health and Human Services. One of these copies will be attached to the Report to Vital Records and sent to the appropriate state in which the adult was born.