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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JACKSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:)
_____ and)
_____,)
Husband and Wife,)
) Case No. 2017 - AD -_____
TO ADOPT)
_____,)
A Minor.)

JUDGMENT ORDER FOR ADOPTION

This cause coming on to be heard on the Petition for Adoption, the Answer of the Guardian *ad Litem* of the child sought to be adopted, and the default of the father having been previously entered herein, and

It appearing to the Court that notice for the entry of this Judgment Order has been given to all necessary parties, and

The Court having heard all the evidence and now being fully advised in the premises, FINDS that:

1. It has jurisdiction of the parties to this cause and the subject matter hereof.

2. The Petitioners herein are personally present in open Court.

3. The Petitioners herein are husband and wife, of lawful age, and under no legal disability, and they reside in the City of _____, County of _____ and State of Illinois. Each of the Petitioners has resided in the State of Illinois for a period in excess of six (6) months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition for Adoption in this cause.

4. The Petitioners desire to adopt _____, a female minor child who is about seventeen years of age and who was born on _____, at _____. The child is in the custody of and resides with the Petitioners herein.

5. The mother of the child is _____, and she is one of the Petitioners in this cause. The father of the child is _____, and he is one of the Defendants in this cause.

6. The mother and father of the child were not married. Paternity was established by _____
_____.

7. The mother married _____, the male Petitioner herein on _____, and the mother has consented to the adoption of the minor, and her consent was evidenced in writing by the mother signing her name to the Petition for Adoption.

8. The father of the child sought to be adopted has abandoned and deserted his child, had he has failed to maintain a reasonable degree of interest, concern, or responsibility as to the welfare of the child. The said father is therefore an unfit person, and his consent to this adoption is not necessary.

9. The Petitioners are reputable persons of good moral character with sufficient ability and financial means to rear, nurture, and educate the said child in a suitable manner.

10. The allegations of the Petition for Adoption are true and proven as therein alleged and it is fit and proper and for the best interests of the minor sought to be adopted that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that from this date, _____, the minor, shall be to all legal intents and purposes the child of the Petitioners, _____ and _____, husband and wife, and for the purposes of inheritance and all other legal incidents and consequences shall be the same as if she has been born to the Petitioners in lawful wedlock.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the name of the child shall be changed to _____.

Date: _____ Entered: _____

Judge

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