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DATE: _____

ADOPTION INFORMATION SHEET

Petitioners name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Marital status: _____ Divorced _____ Single _____ Separated _____ Widowed _____ Married

Spouse's name: _____

Spouse's date of birth: _____

Petitioner's address: _____

Petitioner's county of residence: _____

Petitioner's telephone number: _____

Child's name: _____

Child's date of birth: _____ Child's gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Who has Current custody of child: _____

How long has current custody been in place: _____

Siblings of child: (Please state where half or full blooded) _____

Mother of child and address: _____

Father of child and address: _____

Was the child born during marriage: _____ (if so, Was mother married to the alleged biological father: _____)

If not name of Mother's Husband at time of birth and address: _____

Has a DNA test been done: _____ Did father sign papers for the state: _____ (if so do they have a copy)

Has father legitimized: _____ Has father lived with child: _____

Are all parents alive? ____yes ____ No ____ Don't Know/ Will they parent sign surrender? ____ Yes ____ No

Has father paid support for the child (before or after birth, please sepecificy: _____

Has father visited with the child: _____

Has the child ever been in guardianship or legal custody of anyone else: _____

Does child have any valuable property: (Trust fund, benefits for medical issues, or future interest in probate estate, please provide info, if so) _____

New name upon adoption of child: _____

Need copies of:

Child's birth certificate: _____

Marriage Certificate for Mother: _____

DNA test, if applicable: _____

Papers that show paternity: _____

Legitimation Order: _____

Divorce order if mother was married 9 months before child born or since birth) or: _____

Death certificate of Mother, Biological Father or Legal Father,if deceased: _____

Marriage certificate for petitioner: _____

Driver's License or state issued ID for all parties: _____ (will copy day they sign papers)

Adoption Check List

Information from the Judge:

- Hearing date: _____ (write in calendar)
- GBI & FBI fingerprints needed? (NEVER for DFACS)
- Home study investigation needed?
If no, Motion/Order to Waive Home Study?

Date order signed by Judge: _____

FILE REQUIREMENTS:

- Verification of the petition
- Rule Nisi (Order for Judge to sign)
- 2 copies of entire petition (incl. exhibits) (ONLY for GORDON COUNTY)

PETITION REQUIREMENTS:

For each petitioner: name, age, marital status, and place of residence (to determine venue) §19-8-13(a)(1)(A).

Petitioner is: §9-8-3(a)(1)-(4)

- At least 25 years old or married to each other, AND
 - Note: If married: petition must be filed in both names (except: stepparent adoption). §19-8-3(c)
 - At least 10 years older than child to be adopted, AND
 - Allegations that each petitioner is “financially, physically, and mentally able to have permanent custody” of the child.

Residency & Venue: §19-8-3(a)(3)

- Each petitioner has established residency in Bartow AND
 - If Bartow is NOT petitioner’s home county, then there must be an explanation §19-8-13(a)
 - Venue is discretionary §19-8-2(b)(1)
- Each petitioner has established residency in Georgia at least 6 months prior to filing.

Name by which the child is to be known following the adoption. §19-8-13(a)(1)(B)

Date of birth and gender of the child. §19-8-13(a)(1)(C)

- Best practice: Include the citizenship of the child (and immigration status if not U.S. citizen)

If child is 14 years old or older: Must include child’s written consent to the adoption, acknowledged before the court. §19-8-4(b)

Date and circumstances of the placement of the child with petitioner. §19-8-13(a)(1)(D)

Whether the child is possessed of any property, and if so a full and complete description of the property, and whether there is a conservator for the property. §19-8-13(a)(1)(E), (G)

Whether the child’s legal mother and legal father (and/or biological father who is not legal father) are alive (or were alive when documents in the petition were signed). §19-8-13(a)(1)(F)

Whether child has a guardian. If yes, guardian must sign surrender documents. §19-8-13(a)(1)(G).