

At a term of the Family Court of the  
State of New York, held in and for the  
County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_, New York,  
on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

P R E S E N T:

Hon.  
Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
In the Matter of the Application for  
Approval of an Instrument concerning

Docket No.

CIN # \_\_\_\_\_  
Pursuant to Section 358-a of the  
Social Services Law

TEMPORARY  
ORDER APPROVING  
PLACEMENT  
INSTRUMENT

**NOTICE: IF YOUR CHILD IS PLACED IN FOSTER CARE, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD AND YOUR CHILD MAY BE ADOPTED WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT.**

**IF YOUR CHILD STAYS IN FOSTER CARE FOR 15 OF THE MOST RECENT 22 MONTHS, THE AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO FILE A PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND MAY FILE BEFORE THE END OF THE 15-MONTH PERIOD.**

**THE NEXT COURT DATE IS [specify date/time]:**  
**THE PERMANENCY HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON [specify date/time]:<sup>1</sup>**

The petition of an authorized official of the  Department of Social Services for [specify]:  
County,  New York City Administration for Children's Services,  
dated [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_, having been filed with this Court requesting that pending any  
hearing that the Court may require, a temporary order be made approving the transfer of custody and

<sup>1</sup> The permanency hearing must be scheduled for a date certain not more than eight months from the date of removal of the child from home. If the child has a sibling or half-sibling removed from the home, whose permanency hearing is scheduled before this Court, the date certain shall be the same as the date certain for the sibling's or half-sibling's permanency hearing, unless the sibling or half-sibling was removed on a juvenile delinquency or PINS petition or unless he or she has permanency hearing shall be cancelled.

care of the child to the Petitioner, pursuant to Section 358-a(5) of the Social Services Law; and it appearing that a hearing is required and an immediate hearing on notice is impractical;

**[Required findings; check applicable boxes and provide case-specific reasons in A , B and C and, if applicable, D, below]:**

The Court finds and determines:

A. The [check applicable box]:  parent(s)[specify]:  guardian(s) [specify]: of the child are unable to make adequate provision for the care, maintenance and supervision of the child in the child’s own home, based upon the following facts and for the following reasons [specify facts and reasons, including specific documents or evidence supporting findings]:

B. Continuation of the child in, or return of the child to, the child's home would be contrary to the best interests of the child because [specify facts and reasons]:

This determination is supported by the following information [check applicable box(es)]:

- Case Record, dated [specify]:
- Service Plan, dated [specify]:
- The report of [specify]: , dated [specify]:
- Other [specify]:

C. Reasonable efforts, where appropriate, to prevent or eliminate the need for placement, and, if the child was removed prior to the date of the hearing, to return the child home safely [check applicable box and state reasons as indicated]:

- were made as follows [specify]:
- were not made but the lack of efforts was appropriate [check all applicable boxes]:
  - because of a prior judicial finding that the authorized agency was not required to make reasonable efforts to reunify the child with the  parent(s)  guardian(s) [specify date of finding]:
  - because [specify other reasons]:
- were not made.

This determination is supported by the following information [check applicable box(es)]:

- Case Record, dated [specify]:
- Service Plan, dated [specify]:
- The report of [specify]: , dated [specify]:
- Other [specify]:

b . [REQUIRED in cases in which the child’s permanency plan is adoption, guardianship or permanent living arrangement other than reunification]: Reasonable efforts to make and finalize the permanency plan of [specify]:

- were made as follows [specify]:
- were not made.

This determination is supported by the following information [check applicable box(es)]:

- Case Record, dated [specify]:
- Service Plan, dated [specify]:
- The report of [specify]: , dated [specify]:
- Other [specify]:

**D. [Required in cases involving Native-American children; check if applicable ]:**

- And the following having been duly notified [check applicable box(es)]:
  - parent/custodian  tribe/nation  United States Secretary of the Interior;
- And the tribe/nation having:  appeared and participated as a party;
  - appeared and declined to assume jurisdiction;
  - appeared and requested transfer of jurisdiction;
  - not appeared;

**NOW, therefore, upon the basis of the instrument and the allegations of the petition, it is hereby**

ORDERED that pending a hearing and determination of this matter, the temporary care and custody of the child is transferred to the  Department of Social Services for [specify]:  
County,  New York City Administration for Children’s Services; and it is further

\_\_\_\_\_ [Applicable to Native-American Child(ren); check box(es) if applicable]:

- ORDERED that the following should be notified of this proceeding [specify]:  
the  custodian of the child;  tribe/nation;  United States Secretary of the Interior
- ORDERED that in light of the assumption of jurisdiction by the tribe/nation, this petition is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE; (and it is further)

ORDERED that this matter be set down for hearing on [specify date/time]:

ENTER

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the Family Court

Dated: ..

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1113 OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT,  
AN APPEAL FROM THIS ORDER MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN 30  
DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE ORDER BY APPELLANT IN COURT,  
35 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OF THE ORDER  
TO APPELLANT BY THE CLERK OF COURT, OR 30 DAYS  
AFTER SERVICE BY A PARTY OR THE LAW GUARDIAN  
UPON THE APPELLANT, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.

Check applicable box:

- Order mailed on [specify date(s) and to whom mailed]: \_\_\_\_\_
- Order received in court on [specify date(s) and to whom given]: \_\_\_\_\_