

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF

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In the Matter of the Commitment of  
Guardianship and Custody pursuant to  
§ 384-b of the Social Services Law of

Docket No.

CIN #  
A Child under the Age of Eighteen Years,  
alleged to be an Abandoned Child

PETITION  
(ABANDONMENT)

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**IF THIS PETITION IS GRANTED, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD  
AND YOUR CHILD MAY BE ADOPTED WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT AND WITHOUT  
NOTICE TO YOU.**

**IF YOU ARE THE PARENT, FOSTER PARENT OR CUSTODIAN OF THE CHILD, YOU  
HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT YOU. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A  
LAWYER, YOU MAY ASK THE COURT TO APPOINT A LAWYER TO REPRESENT YOU  
WITHOUT FEE.**

TO THE FAMILY COURT:

The undersigned Petitioner respectfully alleges that:

1. Petitioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_, (is) (are)

an authorized agency having its office and place of business at [specify, including county]:

foster parent(s) residing at [specify, including county]:

child's attorney  guardian ad litem filing at the Court's direction, pursuant to Social Services  
Law §384-b(3)(b).

2 a. \_\_\_\_\_ is a male female child under the age of  
eighteen years, born on [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_, at [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_, who now  
resides at [specify, including county]: \_\_\_\_\_.

b. The subject child  is  is not a Native-American child, who is subject to the Indian Child  
Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963). If so, the following have been notified [check  
applicable box(es)]:  parent/custodian [specify name and give notification date]:

tribe/nation [specify name and give notification date]:

United States Secretary of the Interior [give notification date]:

3. The full name and last-known address of each parent and custodian of the child, if known, are:

Name

Last-Known Address

4. a. The name and last-known address of any other interested party who should be afforded notice  
of this proceeding are:

Name

Last-Known Address

b. The name and last-known address of any other person entitled to notice of an adoption pursuant to Domestic Relations Law § 111-a are:

Name

Last-Known Address

c. There are no persons other than those set forth entitled to notice of this proceeding or of an adoption of the child.

5. The child came into the care of an authorized agency on [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_, under the following circumstances: [include court, county, docket number and date(s) of prior proceedings; if the child was abandoned at the age of five days or younger and a finding of aggravated circumstances was made, so indicate, including date]:

6. (Upon information and belief) (T)(t)he respondent(s),  father  mother (has)(have) evinced an intent to forego (his)(her)(their) parental rights and obligations as manifested for the period of six months immediately prior to the initiation of this proceeding by [specify]:

7. The parent(s) (was) (were) able to communicate and visit and were not prevented nor discouraged from doing so by the agency.

8. The best interests of the child require the commitment of the guardianship and custody of the child to  an authorized agency  foster parent(s) for the following reasons [specify; if appropriate, include facts regarding a non-respondent parent]:

9. The child  is  is not under the jurisdiction of the Family Court. If so, this petition  has  has not been filed in the Court that exercised jurisdiction over the most recent permanency or other proceeding involving this child. [If it has not been so filed, petitioner must file affirmation, Form TPR-12].

10. No previous application has been made to any court or judge for the relief sought herein (except [specify]):

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner requests an order determining that the above-named child is an abandoned child, and committing the guardianship and custody of the child to  an authorized agency  foster parent(s), and for such other and further relief as in the interests of the child may be granted.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency by:  Foster parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

