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In the Matter of the Adoption of
A Child whose First Name is

(Docket)(File) No.

PETITION
(Certification
as a Qualified
Adoptive Parent)
(Private-Placement)

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The Petitioner(s) respectfully allege(s) to this Court that:

[Delete inapplicable provisions]:

1. (His)(Her)(Their) name(s), residential address and telephone number are: _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

2. (He)(She)(They) (is)(are) seeking certification by this court as (a) person(s) qualified to take custody of the adoptive child [specify first name]: _____, (prior to) _____ (contemporaneous with) the filing of a private-placement adoption petition.

3. (He)(She)(They) (has) (have) (not) been the subject of a pending child protective investigation or of an indicated report, as such term is defined in section 412 of the Social Services Law, filed with the statewide register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant to Title six of Article six of the Social Services Law.

4. A pre-placement investigation will be undertaken by a disinterested person, as such term is defined in section four of 115-d of the Domestic Relations Law, and a written report of such investigation will be furnished directly to the court by such disinterested person.

5. The marital, family status and history of the Petitioner(s) (is) (are): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

6. The physical and mental health of the Petitioner(s) (is)(are): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

7. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a statement of all property owned by and income of the Petitioner(s).

8. Petitioner(s) (has) (have)(not ever been) (a) respondent(s) in any proceeding in a court concerning alleged (abused) (neglected) (abandoned) children, (except as follows): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

(b) (Petitioner(s) (have) no prior criminal convictions or founded findings of child abuse or neglect (except as follows):¹ _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

9. Petitioner(s) (has)(have) (not) made any prior application for certification as (a) qualified adoptive parent(s); if so, the disposition and disposition date of such application was as follows: _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

Petitioner (specify name): _____

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10. Petitioner(s) (do)(does) (not) intend to cause a pre-placement investigation to be undertaken (and request(s) this court to appoint a disinterested person to conduct such pre-placement investigation;)

WHEREFORE, Petitioner (s) pray(s) for an order (conditionally)² certifying Petitioner(s) as (a) qualified adoptive parent(s).

Petitioner: typed or printed name / signature

Petitioner: typed or printed name / signature

Attorney: typed or printed name/ signature

Attorney's Address and Telephone Number

¹Fingerprint cards must be provided to the Court so that a criminal history report can be obtained from the N.Y.S. Division of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to Domestic Relations Law Section 115-d(3-a).

²Applicable only if petition seeks conditional certification pursuant to D.R.L. Section 115-d(6).

