

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Division

Probate and Family Court Department

Docket No.

Petition for Adoption of

(name of child)

M.G.L. c. 210, § 6

To the Justices of the Probate and Family Court:
RESPECTFULLY represents:
PETITIONER (1)

If petitioner (1) is married, his or her spouse
must join in the petition:

(PRINT name of petitioner)

(street address)

(city or town/state/zip code)

(telephone number)

(PRINT name of spouse)

That the petitioner is desirous of adopting the following child:

1. (child's name)

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

2. (name of mother)

(name of father)

(street address)

(street address)

(city or town/state/zip code)

(city or town/state/zip code)

3. that the petitioner is of sufficient ability to rear the child, and to provide suitable support and education
for the child; and that:

- 4. [] the child has resided for at least six months in the home of the petitioner(s).
[] the child was the subject of a proceeding pursuant to M.G.L. c. 210, § 3 wherein the Court
dispensed with the need for consent of or notice to the parent(s) on a petition for adoption.
[] the child was the subject of a surrender which was executed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 210, § 2. At
the time of the surrender the mother was __ years old. At the time of the surrender the father
(legal) was __ years old.

(OVER)

WHEREFORE petitioner prays:

- for leave to adopt said child;
- that the court waive the residence requirement for good cause:

- that said child's name be changed to that of _____

Date _____

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER 1

SIGNATURE OF SPOUSE (PETITIONER 2)

This petition is sponsored, recommended and approved by (Enter name and address of agency), a charitable corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of engaging in the care of children and principally so engaged.

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I, _____ being above the age of twelve years, hereby consent to this
(PRINT name of child)

adoption as above prayed. _____
(signature of child)

WITNESS _____

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NOTARIZATION

The above signed **Error! Reference source not found.** made oath before me on _____, that
(name of child) (date)

this consent is his/her free act and deed.

Signature of Notary Public _____

Print Name _____

My Commission Expires _____

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For Petitioner(s):

_____ (name)

_____ (firm name/street address)

_____ (city or town/state/zip code)

Telephone _____

B.B.O. # _____

PETITION — DECREE

Filed	_____	20	_____
Citation issued	_____	20	_____
Returnable	_____	20	_____
Allowed	_____	20	_____

Instructions

1. Refer to M.G.L. c. 210, *et seq.*
2. A certified copy of the child's Birth Record (certificate) must be furnished.
3. The corresponding affidavit forms must accompany the filing of this petition.
4. Certification from the Department of Children and Families that the child is not registered with the federal register for missing children must be filed. If the petition is presented, sponsored or recommended by a charitable corporation organized under the general or special laws of the commonwealth for the purpose of engaging in the care of children and is principally so engaged, then no such certification is required.