

# INSTRUCTIONS

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY <i>(Name, address and telephone #)</i> :<br><br>STATE BAR NO:<br>ATTORNEY FOR <i>(Name)</i> :                                     | <b>FOR COURT USE ONLY</b> |
| <b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MARIN</b><br>3501 Civic Center Drive<br>P.O. Box 4988<br>San Rafael, CA 94913-4988  |                           |
| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: <b><i>(YOUR FULL NAME IN CAPITALS)</i></b><br><br>ON BEHALF OF: <b><i>(YOUR STEPCHILD'S FULL NAME IN CAPITALS)</i></b><br>A CHILD, |                           |
| <b>PETITION TO DECLARE CHILD FREE FROM CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF EITHER OR BOTH PARENTS - INSTRUCTIONS</b>  | CASE NUMBER:              |

Petitioner alleges:

1. Petitioner is an adult person and desires to adopt ***(Full name of your stepchild)***, a child who is the subject of this petition. Petitioner is the ***(husband/wife)*** of ***(Full name of your spouse)***, who is the ***(mother/father)*** of the child and who has custody of the child. Petitioner, ***(his/her)*** spouse and the child reside in Marin County, California.
  
2. The whereabouts of ***(Full name of the natural father/mother)***, the natural ***(father/mother)*** of the child, are unknown.
  
3. The child has been left by the natural ***(father/mother)*** in the custody and control of ***(Full name of your spouse)***, the ***(father/mother)*** of the child. The natural ***(father/mother)*** of the child has not communicated with the child or made any provisions for the support of the child since ***(Give the date as closely as you can determine)***, a period of over one year.

Wherefore, petitioner asks judgment declaring that the child is free from the custody and control of ***(name of the natural father/mother)***,

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM