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**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
IN MARICOPA COUNTY**

In the Matter of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Full legal names of minor children)

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by the Court)

**PETITION for TERMINATION OF  
PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

(Severance of Parental Rights)

A.R.S. §§ 8-531-544

**1. INFORMATION ABOUT PETITIONER:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. INFORMATION ABOUT PARENTS:**

A. Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Father's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than one father involved, please attach same information for all fathers.)

3. INFORMATION ABOUT the CHILD(REN):

A. Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ male ☐ female ☐ other

Child's birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Child's phone number (or where they can be reached): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 name on birth certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 name on birth certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have attached a copy of the birth certificate

Select the appropriate box in regard to paternity of this child:

☐ Paternity was established by birth certificate

☐ Paternity was established by court order

☐ I have attached a copy of the paternity order

☐ Paternity has not been established

B. Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ male ☐ female ☐ other

Child's birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Child's phone number (or where they can be reached): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 name on birth certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 name on birth certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have attached a copy of the birth certificate

Select the appropriate box in regard to paternity of this child:

☐ Paternity was established by birth certificate

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☐ I have attached a copy of the paternity order

☐ Paternity has not been established

C. Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ male ☐ female ☐ other

Child's birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Child's phone number (or where they can be reached): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 name on birth certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 name on birth certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have attached a copy of the birth certificate

Select the appropriate box in regard to paternity of this child:

☐ Paternity was established by birth certificate

☐ Paternity was established by court order

☐ I have attached a copy of the paternity order

☐ Paternity has not been established

D. Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ male ☐ female ☐ other

Child's birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Child's phone number (or where they can be reached): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 name on birth certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 name on birth certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have attached a copy of the birth certificate

Select the appropriate box in regard to paternity of this child:

☐ Paternity was established by birth certificate

☐ Paternity was established by court order

☐ I have attached a copy of the paternity order

☐ Paternity has not been established

(If more than four children are involved, please attach same information for all children.)

4. PERSON or AGENCY with Legal custody, Guardianship, acting in loco parentis (acting as a parent) or providing care for the child(ren) is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. COURT INTERPRETER: Will you or any person required to receive Notice need a Court Interpreter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," Person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) needed: \_\_\_\_\_

6. JURISDICTION in Arizona is proper because the child(ren) is present in Arizona:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If the child(ren) is not present in Arizona, jurisdiction in Arizona is proper because:

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7. COURT CASES: Have there been any past court cases concerning the child(ren) in Arizona? Yes No

If "Yes," list the name of the court and the case number(s)

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Have there been any past court cases concerning the child(ren) in another state?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," list the state, name of the court, and the case number(s)

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☐ I have attached a copy of out-of-state court orders

8. MEMBERSHIP: Is any parent or child an enrolled member of a native American tribe or nation? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Uncertain

If "Yes," or "Uncertain," please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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INSTRUCTIONS: Check all the allegations below that you believe apply. If you are seeking to terminate the rights of more than one parent, attach additional information on a separate sheet of paper.

9. REASONS for terminating the parent-child relationship: The Court should terminate the parent-child relationship between the child(ren) and the ☐ Father ☐ Mother based on the following grounds:

☐ Abandonment: The parent has abandoned the child(ren) by failing to provide reasonable support and failing to maintain regular contact with the children, including normal supervision.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Neglect/Abuse: The parent has neglected or willfully abused a child.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Incapacity: The parent is unable to discharge the parental responsibilities because of mental illness, mental deficiency or a history of chronic abuse or dangerous drugs, controlled substances or alcohol, and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the condition will continue for a prolonged, indeterminate period.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Criminal Conviction:

☐ The parent is deprived of civil liberties due to the conviction of a felony the nature of which proves the unfitness of that parent to have future custody and control of the child(ren).

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ The parent is deprived of civil liberties due to the conviction of a felony and the sentence of that parent is of such length that the child(ren) will be deprived of a normal home for a period of years.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Paternity:

☐ The potential father failed to file a paternity action within thirty (30) days of completion of service of Notice as prescribed by A.R.S. § 8-106 (G).

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ The putative father failed (one who registered with the state claiming to be the father) failed to file a Notice of Claim of paternity as prescribed by A.R.S. § 8-106.01.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Relinquishment or Consent: The parent has relinquished his or her right to the child(ren) to an agency or has consented to the adoption. I have attached to this Petition a copy of all applicable relinquishment(s) or consent(s).

☐ Identity Unknown: The identity of the parent is unknown and continues to be unknown following three months of diligent efforts to identify and locate the parent.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Sexual Assault: The parent committed a sexual assault against the petitioning parent and the child(ren) was/were conceived as a result of a sexual assault.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. BEST INTERESTS:

A. It is in the child(ren)'s best interest to have ☐ Father's and/or ☐ Mother's rights terminated.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Are you alleging that it is in the child(ren)'s best interest to terminate the parent's rights so that the child(ren) will be free for adoption? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain why it is in the best interest of the child(ren) to be adopted:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) to adopt the child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person legally married to a parent of the child(ren)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which parent are they married to? ☐ Father ☐ Mother

Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_



11. SOCIAL STUDY:

☐ The social study discussed in A.R.S. § 8-536 (A) will be completed by the following agency: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I request the social study discussed in A.R.S. § 8-536 (A) be waived in the best interest of the child(ren) for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

RELIEF REQUESTED: Based on the above information, after Notice and a Hearing, Petitioner requests the Court issue an order which:

1. Terminate the parent-child relationship between the child(ren) and their

☐ Father ☐ Mother

2. Appoints as the guardian of the child(ren) and vests legal custody of the child(ren) in:

\_\_\_\_\_  
3. ☐ Orders that the parent(s) whose rights are terminated shall remain obligated for child support payments until an adoption order is entered and shall remain obligated for arrearages;

4. ☐ Orders that: (State any other relief requested): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; and

5. Any other such orders that the Court deems just and proper.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this document is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Petitioner