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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: _____

Relationship to children: _____

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 CHILDREN:

A. Child's name: _____ male female
Child's birth date: _____
Child's address: _____

B. Child's name: _____ male female
Child's birth date: _____
Child's address: _____

C. Child's name: _____ male female
Child's birth date: _____
Child's address: _____

D. Child's name: _____ male female
Child's birth date: _____
Child's address: _____

(If more than four children, 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 children 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 or children are present in Arizona:
 Yes No

If the child or children are not present in Arizona, jurisdiction in Arizona is proper because:

7. COURT CASES: Have there been any past court cases concerning the children?

Yes No

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

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: _____

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 children and the Father Mother based on the following grounds:

Abandonment: The parent has abandoned the children 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 children.

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 children 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 children 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 was conceived as a result of a sexual assault.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: _____

Other: Parental rights should be terminated for other grounds under A.R.S. § 8-533 as follows:

Please state the facts supporting this statement: _____

10. BEST INTERESTS: It is in the children's best interest to have Father's Mother's rights terminated.

Please state the facts supporting this statement: _____

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 children 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 children and their
 Father Mother
2. Appoints as the guardian of the children and vests legal custody of the children 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