

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_\_\_)  
 (Petitioner) )  
 PETITIONER, )  
 Vs )  
 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 (Respondent) )  
 RESPONDENT, )

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

VERIFICATION

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\_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ in the above-entitled action; that I have read the \_\_\_\_\_ and know the contents thereof and that the same is true, except as to matters stated therein upon information and belief as to those matters I state that I believe them to be true.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

State of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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- Petition for Foreign Adoption (See [North Dakota Century Code Chapter 14-15](#))
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- Fill in the case number, if known. If the action has not been filed in a North Dakota district court, the case number will be assigned by the clerk of court when the action is filed.

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- Fill in the title of the document the party is verifying. (Petition, etc.)

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