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| FAMILY COURT FIRST CIRCUIT STATE OF HAWAII | DECLARATION OF ADOPTIVE PARENT(S) (RE: HRS SECTION 578-15) | CASE NUMBER FC-A No. |
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| <p>In the Matter of the Adoption of A <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE CHILD, Born on: _____ A <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE CHILD, Born on: _____ A <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE CHILD, Born on: _____ by _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> legal spouse of <input type="checkbox"/> civil union partner of <input type="checkbox"/> and _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the child(ren)'s/adult's legal parent <input type="checkbox"/> a married couple <input type="checkbox"/> civil union partners <input type="checkbox"/> an unmarried person</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Petitioner(s).</p> | <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER(S) <input type="checkbox"/> PETITIONER(S) PRO SE </div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Name</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Address</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">City, State, Zip Code</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Telephone Number</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Email address</div> |
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I am/We are the Petitioner(s) in this case and declare as follows:

1. I/We have been advised of the requirements of section 578-15 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, regarding confidentiality of the court's adoption files and will be able to give this information to the child(ren) I/we will be adopting;
2. When an adopted child/children become(s) 18 years old, the child(ren) or the child(ren)'s adoptive parent(s) can request, in writing, to see the court's files regarding this adoption. HRS 578-15(b)(2) and (b)(3)(C).
3. If the child(ren)'s natural parent(s) want to keep their identity confidential, each natural parent must file an affidavit requesting confidentiality with the Family Court, where the adoption took place, within ninety (90) calendar days before the child(ren)'s 18th birthday. HRS § 578-15(b)(3)(B).
4. The affidavit by the natural parent(s) requesting confidentiality is good for ten (10) years. After that, the natural parent(s) can file affidavits every ten (10) years or they can file an affidavit which keeps their identity confidential for the rest of their lives. All declarations must be filed within ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration of the previous affidavit. HRS § 578-15(b)(2)(F) and (b)(3)(B).
5. The child(ren)'s natural parent(s) can request to see the child(ren)'s adoption file, too, but the child(ren) has/have the same rights to confidentiality. HRS § 578-15(b)(4).

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| <p>6. If a child wants his or her identity to be kept confidential, the child must file an affidavit requesting confidentiality within ninety (90) days prior to his or her 18th birthday. This affidavit is good for ten (10) years. After that, the child can file a declaration every ten (10) years or the child can file an affidavit to cover the rest of the child's life. HRS § 578-15(b)(4).</p> <p>7. One natural parent's action can only bind that one parent and will not apply to the other. HRS § 578-15(b)(2)(H), 15(b)(3)(D), and 15(b)(5).</p> <p>8. The natural parents can agree to open up the child's adoption file at any time and the child can, too, anytime after turning 18 years old. HRS § 578-15(b)(5).</p> <p>9. If after turning 18, the child wants his or her identity revealed, it will be the child's responsibility to contact the Family Court (on the island where the adoption was granted), in writing, and let the Family Court know his or her current address.</p> <p>10. Notwithstanding any affidavits requesting confidentiality, the child(ren) or the adoptive parent(s) can obtain information in the records concerning the child's ethnic background and medical history. the other. HRS § 578-15(b)(6).</p> <p>11. The Family Court has no responsibility to notify the child, adoptive parents, or the natural parents of any deadlines or expiration dates.</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">I/We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Hawai'i that the foregoing is true and correct.</p> | | |
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