

<b>FAMILY COURT FIRST CIRCUIT STATE OF HAWAI'I</b>	<b>AFFIDAVIT OF ADOPTIVE PARENT(S) (RE: HRS SECTION 578-15)</b>	CASE NUMBER  FC-A No.
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In the Matter of the Adoption of  
A  MALE  FEMALE CHILD,  
Born on: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

legal spouse of  civil union partner of  and  
 the child(ren)'s legal parent  
 a married couple  civil union partners  
 an unmarried person

Petitioner(s).

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER(S)  
 PETITIONER(S) PRO SE

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

STATE OF HAWAI'I )  
) SS.  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU )

Petitioner(s) above-named being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that:

1. I have been advised of the requirements of Section 578-15 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) regarding confidentiality of the court's adoption files and will be able to give this information to the child(ren) I will be adopting;
2. When an adopted child becomes 18 years old, the child(ren) or the child(ren)'s adopted parent(s) can request, in writing, to see the court's files regarding this adoption.
3. If the child(ren)'s natural parent(s) want(s) to keep his/her/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 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
4. This affidavit 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 affidavits must be filed within ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration of the previous affidavit.

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5. The child(ren)'s natural parents can request to see the child(ren)'s adoption file, too, but the child(ren) has/have the same rights to confidentiality.
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 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. This affidavit is good for ten (10) years . After that, the child can file an affidavit every ten (10) years or the child(ren) can file an affidavit to cover the rest of the child(ren)'s life.
7. One natural parent's action can only bind that one parent and will not apply to the other.
8. The natural parents can agree to open up the child(ren)'s adoption file at any time and the child(ren) can, too, anytime after turning 18 years old.
9. If after turning 18, the child(ren) want(s) his/her/their identity revealed, it will be the child(ren)'s responsibility to contact the Family Court (on the island where the adoption was granted), in writing, and let the Family Court know his/her/their current address.
10. Notwithstanding any affidavits requesting confidentiality, the child(ren) or the adoptive parent(s) can obtain information in the records concerning the child(ren)'s ethnic background and medical history.
11. The Family Court has no responsibility to notify the child(ren), adoptive parent(s), or the natural parent(s) of any deadlines or expiration dates.

Date	Signature of Petitioner
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Notary Public Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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