IN THE FAMILY COURT HELD AT

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**IN THE MATTER** of the Adoption Act 1955

<u>AND</u>

**IN THE MATTER** of an Application to adopt

## AFFIDAVIT OF NATURAL MOTHER

Note: Delete inapplicable sentences/paragraphs as necessary

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## AFFIDAVIT OF NATURAL MOTHER

I, [full name] of [place], [occupation], swear that -

- <u>1</u>, <u>I</u> am the mother of *[full name of child, if named]*, a *[female/male child]* born at *[place]* on *[date]* as evidenced by the Certificate of Birth annexed to the consent to adoption signed by me and filed herein.
- 2. <u>THE</u> father of my child is *[full name of father]* / <u>I</u> do not know the identity of the father of my child.
- <u>3. I</u> am unmarried / <u>I</u> am married to [full name of spouse].
- <u>4.</u> <u>I</u> have never been married to, or in a civil union, or in a de facto relationship with the father of my child / <u>I</u> have been married to, or in a civil union, or in a de facto relationship with the father of my child [provide details].
- 5 AT no time between conception and the birth of my child did I live with the father of my child as husband and wife or as de facto partners / <u>BETWEEN</u> conception and the birth of my child I lived with the father of my child as husband and wife or as de facto partners [provide details].
- 6. THE father of my child has not had and has not attempted to have any contact or involvement with my child / <u>THE</u> father has had the following contact or involvement with my child: [describe the nature of the relationship of the father with the child (if any) and the role he has played during the pregnancy and in the child's life (if any)].
- <u>7.</u> <u>TO</u> the best of my knowledge no testamentary guardian of my child has been appointed by any person and no order of the Court has been made declaring any other person to be the guardian of my child nor is an application for any such order pending / <u>TO</u> the best of my knowledge the following person(s) are guardians of my child [full name of guardian(s)].
- 8. NO adoption order is in force in respect of my child / <u>AN</u> adoption order is in force in respect of my child [*provide details*].
- 9. NO declaration or order of paternity, or child support or maintenance order in respect of my child has been made and nor is any application for any such order pending / <u>A</u> declaration or order of paternity, or child support or maintenance order in respect of my child has been made [provide details].
- 10. NO person has by agreement or otherwise acknowledged paternity of my child / <u>THE</u> following person has by agreement or otherwise acknowledged paternity of my child [provide details].

- <u>11.</u> <u>NO</u> person has contributed as father towards the birth expenses and/or maintenance and support of my child / <u>THE</u> following person has contributed as father towards the birth expenses and/or maintenance and support of my child [provide details].
- <u>12.</u> I am now [age] years of age.
- <u>13.</u> <u>I</u> believe that the adoption of my child would be in my child's welfare and best interests for the following reasons:



- <u>14.</u> I have reached my decision to have my child adopted after a great deal of thought.
- <u>15.</u> <u>I</u> have discussed the matter of adoption with *[insert who spoken to, e.g. social worker, counsellor, parents]* on one or more occasion(s) / <u>I</u> have not discussed the matter of adoption with any other person.
- <u>16.</u> I am satisfied after various discussions, talks and independent advice that I have sought that I desire without qualification or reservation on my part (apart from any contained in paragraph 19) to have my child adopted.
- <u>17.</u> I have had fully explained to me the effect of the making of an adoption order as set out in the Adoption Act 1955 and I fully understand that the effect of such an order if made would be that I would lose all rights in or claim to my child.
- <u>18.</u> I have not received nor paid and do not intend to receive or pay any payment in connection with the proposed adoption of my child.
- <u>19.</u> I have imposed no conditions to my consent with respect to the religious denomination and practice of the applicant(s) / I have imposed the following conditions to my consent with respect to the religious denomination and practice of the applicant(s): *Here set out conditions*
- <u>20.</u> I have been made aware that I am required to disclose to the Court any matters that may be relevant for the Court's assessment of the application. I bring to the attention of the Court the following: *Here set out any other matters*

Signature of Applicant

SWORN at this day [Month, Year] before me:

## A Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand