

## SAMPLE DECLARATION

(Note: include any additional information or facts that are known to you personally. Do not include what other people say as you are providing sworn information to the Court)

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_(name of mother) submit this Declaration in support of the stepparent adoption of my child \_\_\_\_\_(name), by \_\_\_\_\_(name of stepparent). The Request for Adoption has/will be filed with this Court.
2. My child \_\_\_\_\_(name) was born on \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_(City/State).
3. I believe the birth father of my child is \_\_\_\_\_(alleged father's full name and any aliases). I believe his address is \_\_\_\_\_ (include any previously known addresses).
4. The birth father's name does/does not appear on the child's birth certificate (note – this could elevate father's status to presumed)
5. I met the birth father on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. We met (describe how you met the birth father) \_\_\_\_\_. We lived together from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (or we have never lived together).
6. I believe he works at \_\_\_\_\_. (or I do not know where he works)
7. On \_\_\_\_\_, I told the birth father that I was pregnant with his child (or the birth father did not know)
8. The birth father has never provided any money or items to help with the pregnancy or child support expenses. The birth father has never promised me, in writing, that he would support the child.
9. The last time I spoke to (or communicated) the birth father was: \_\_\_\_\_ and where: \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The last telephone number (if you have one) is \_\_\_\_\_. On \_\_\_\_\_(date) I dialed the phone number, and the response was "This number is no longer in service" (or other recording)
11. The birth father has/has not tried to contact me or my child since: \_\_\_\_\_.

12. I have attempted to locate and serve a Notice of Alleged Paternity regarding this Stepparent Adoption as follows:

- a. Example: On June 21, 2021, at 10 am, I conducted an on-line search of the the county recorder's office in Yolo County (include web address here) to search for any property or transfer documents in the alleged father's name. The search results indicated that "there are not documents found." (Attach print out from website if available)
- b. Example: On June 21, 2021, I mailed a letter to the alleged father's last known address. The envelope was returned with the notation "no longer at this address." "No forwarding address." Attached is a true original/copy of the returned envelope.
- c. Example: On June 21, 2021, I conducted an on-line search using the following search sites: (google, zabasearch.com, peoplesearch.com; or <https://www.whitepages.com>) and the results state that there were no people found by that name (or whatever is returned, indicate why it isn't the right alleged father – date of birth is incorrect, or other reasons). Attach a copy of those searches to your Declaration.

Therefore, I am unable to locate the birth father (name) to provide Notice of the Stepparent

Adoption. I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT

THIS DECLARATION WAS EXCUTED AT (name of City), CALIFORNIA, ON THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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(Name and signature of mother)