

**PROBATE COURT OF PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**  
**PATRICIA J. SMITH, JUDGE**

**ADOPTION OF** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name after adoption)

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

Notice must be served not less than 20 days before the date of hearing

[R.C. 3107.11]

To: \_\_\_\_\_

(Give Names and Addresses)

You are hereby notified that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, filed in this Court a Petition for Adoption of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, whose date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_, and for change of the name of the minor to \_\_\_\_\_. This Court, located at 203 W. Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 will hear the petition on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_. M.

It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of \_\_\_\_\_ is not required due to the following: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

☐ That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

☐ That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

☐ State other grounds under R.C. 3107.07 (includes putative father of the minor born prior to January 1, 1997).

**"A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S FORMER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING."**

**RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY:**

You have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choice. If you are unable to afford an attorney, you must request an attorney when you receive this Notice and complete an affidavit of indigency form at the Court to determine if you qualify for appointed counsel. You may contact the Court at 330-297-3870.

**Patricia J. Smith - Probate Judge**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deputy Clerk**

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

The State of Ohio, Portage County Probate Court

I hereby certify that I caused a copy of the within notice to be mailed, by certified mail, to the last known address of

At \_\_\_\_\_

At \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia J. Smith, Probate Judge

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

### RETURN

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Ohio

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Received this writ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
o'clock \_\_\_\_\_. M., and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. I served the same  
by delivering a true copy thereof personally to \_\_\_\_\_

FEES	
Service and return, 1st name,	\$ _____
_____ Additional names, at	\$ _____
_____ Miles traveled, at	\$ _____
_____	_____
Total	\$ _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title