

**PROBATE COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO**  
**LATECIA E. WILES, JUDGE**

PLACEMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name before placement)

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

**BIRTH MOTHER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RIGHTS TO  
CONTEST ADOPTION DECREE**  
[Ohio Rev. Code § 5103.16(D)(1)]

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the birth mother of my new born child,  
\_\_\_\_\_, who was born on or expected to be born on  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, Ohio, acknowledge that I am aware  
of my right to contest the decree of adoption for Baby subject to  
the limitations of section 3107.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

I understand that I may not withdraw my consent to adoption **after** an  
interlocutory order for adoption or a final decree of adoption has been entered by a court  
with proper jurisdiction. IF THE JUDGE APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF MY CHILD, I  
CANNOT LATER CHANGE MY MIND AND WITHDRAW MY CONSENT TO THE  
ADOPTION.

I understand that I may withdraw my consent **prior** to an interlocutory order for  
adoption or a final decree of adoption being entered only if the Court finds, after  
hearing, that the withdrawal is in the best interest of the person to be adopted and the Court  
by order authorizes the withdrawal of consent. IF I CHANGE MY MIND BEFORE THE  
ADOPTION IS APPROVED, I CANNOT STOP THE ADOPTION UNLESS I CAN PROVE  
TO THE JUDGE THAT THE ADOPTION IS NOT IN MY CHILD'S BEST  
INTEREST.

I understand any appeal from this Court is subject to Ohio's Rules of Appellate  
Procedure and to the Ohio Revised Code, specifically Chapter 2505 to the extent not in conflict  
with said Rules of Appellate Procedure. IF I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER THE  
ADOPTION IS APPROVED, I CAN APPEAL THE JUDGE'S DECISION BY FILING A  
WRITTEN APPEAL WITH THE COURT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE JUDGE'S  
APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION AND I MUST FOLLOW THE RULES FOR  
APPEALING JUDGMENTS.

I understand that one year after an adoption decree is issued, the decree cannot be questioned by me or by any other person, including the adoptive parent petitioners, in any manner or upon any ground, including fraud, misrepresentation, failure to give any required notice, or lack of jurisdiction of the parties or of the subject matter, unless, in the case of the adoption of a minor, the adoptive parent petitioners have not taken custody of the minor. ONE YEAR AFTER THE ADOPTION OF MY CHILD IS FINALIZED, I CANNOT IN ANY WAY QUESTION THE ADOPTION IN THE COURTS UNLESS THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS HAVE NOT TAKEN CUSTODY OF MY CHILD.

I understand that should the birth father register with the Putative Father Registry for the State of Ohio any time before the 30th day after my child's birth, this adoption may not proceed without his consent or a termination of consent rights in court.

I understand that any agreement with the adoptive parents for post-adoption contact with my baby or with the adoptive parents is not enforceable under Ohio law.

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Date

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