

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

_____ COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK

_____ SP _____

(Full name of petitioning parent 1)

(Full name of petitioning parent 2)

CONSENT TO ADULT
ADOPTION BY SPOUSE
OF PETITIONER

FOR THE ADOPTION OF

(Full name by which adult adoptee is to be known if adoption granted)

To the Honorable _____, Clerk of the Superior Court of
_____ County:

I, the undersigned, declare that I am an adult over eighteen years of age; that I am the spouse of the petitioner in this stepparent adoption; and that I-

1. Consent to the proposed adoption;
2. Understand that the adoption may diminish the amount I might take from the petitioner through intestate succession or by dissenting to the petitioner's will and may also diminish the amount of other entitlements that may become due to me and any other children of the petitioner through the petitioner; and
3. Believe the adoption will be in the best interest of the adult being adopted and the prospective adoptive parent.

I also understand I may revoke this Consent at any time before the entry of the Decree of Adoption by delivering a written notice of revocation to the individual to whom the Consent was given. If a petition to adopt has been filed, the notice or revocation shall also be filed with the Clerk of Superior Court in the county where the petition is pending.

This the _____ day of _____, _____

Signature of Spouse of Stepparent

Address

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

_____ **COUNTY**

I, _____, do hereby certify
(Name of official)

that _____ personally appeared before me this day
(Name of Spouse of Stepparent)

and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

I certify that I, the undersigned, am a Notary Public or one otherwise empowered to acknowledge signatures under Chapter 47 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Witness my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____, _____

(S E A L)

Signature _____

Title _____

My commission expires _____

NOTE:

The DSS-5165 is prepared in duplicate. The **original** form is attached to the Petition for Adult Adoption and forwarded by the Clerk of Superior Court to the Division of Social Services, State Department of Health and Human Services; a copy is given to the consenting adult.