

At a term of the Family Court of the  
State of New York, held in and for  
the County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ New York  
on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

P R E S E N T:

Hon.  
Judge

In the Matter of the Commitment of  
Guardianship and Custody pursuant to  
section 384-b of the Social Services Law of

Docket No.

FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND  
ORDER OF DISPOSITION  
(Abandoned Child)

CIN #  
A Child under the Age of Eighteen Years,  
alleged to be an Abandoned Child

**THE NEXT PERMANENCY HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON [specify date/time]:<sup>1</sup>**

A Petition under Section 384-b of the Social Services Law, dated [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_,  
having been filed in this Court alleging that [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_ is an  
abandoned child; and summonses having been issued and duly served upon and notice having been duly  
given to all proper parties hereto, and

- Respondent #1 [specify]:  
having  appeared  with counsel  without counsel  waived counsel  not appeared;

And Respondent #1 [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_ having:

voluntarily, intelligently and knowingly admitted in open court that (s)he committed  
the following act(s) [specify]:

denied the allegations of the petition and the matter having duly come on for a fact-  
finding hearing before this Court;

failed to appear and the matter having duly come on for a fact- finding hearing by inquest  
before this Court;

<sup>1</sup> Respondent is NOT a party to the permanency hearing if his or her rights have been terminated. Unless the petition is dismissed or the child is returned home, the permanency hearing must be scheduled for a date certain within 30 days of the earlier of this Court’s announcement of its decision or issuance of this Order. The next permanency hearing must be scheduled for a date certain not more than six months after the completion of the permanency hearing. A separate permanency order, Form PH-6, must be issued even if the permanency hearing is combined with the dispositional hearing in this proceeding.

Respondent #2 [specify, if any]:

having  appeared  with counsel  without counsel  waived counsel  not appeared;

And Respondent #2 [specify, if any]: having:

voluntarily, intelligently and knowingly admitted in open court that (s)he committed the following act(s) [specify]:

denied the allegations of the petition and the matter having duly come on for a fact-finding hearing before this Court;

failed to appear and the matter having duly come on for a fact-finding hearing by inquest before this Court;

And the child having been represented by an attorney;

**[Required where only one parent or non-parent is Respondent; check if applicable]:**

The legal status of the other parent(s) [specify]: is/are as follows [specify if rights retained, terminated, surrendered or if parent is deceased or whereabouts unknown]:

**[Required in ALL cases; check applicable boxes and attach General Form GF-32, if applicable]:**

And the Court having inquired as to whether the child may be a Native-American child who may be subject to the *Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978* [25 U.S.C. 1901-1963], subject to the ultimate determination by the tribe or nation, the Court has determined the following:

A.  the Court has reason to believe that the child may be subject to the *Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978* [25 U.S.C. 1901-1963], subject to the ultimate determination by the tribe or nation;

And the following having been duly notified [check applicable box(es)]:

parent/custodian  tribe/nation [REQUIRED]

United States Secretary of the Interior [REQUIRED if tribal contact undetermined];

And the tribe/nation having:  appeared and participated as a party;

appeared and declined to assume jurisdiction;

appeared and requested transfer of jurisdiction, which was  granted  denied;

not appeared;

And the required findings of fact and conclusions of law having been made pursuant to the *Indian Child Welfare Act* and **General Form GF-32** having been attached in an Addendum to this Order.

**OR**

B.  the Court does not have reason to believe that the child may be subject to the *Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978* [25 U.S.C. 1901-1963].

And the matter having duly come on for a fact-finding hearing, the Court, after [check box]

hearing the proofs and testimony offered in relation to the case

accepting the admission by Respondent(s) [specify]:

The Court finds that the allegations that [specify Respondent(s)]:  
(has) (have) abandoned the child for a period of six months immediately preceding the filing of the petition  are  are not supported by clear and convincing evidence, and the Court further makes the following findings of fact by clear and convincing evidence and comes to the following conclusions of

law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

[insert]

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

[insert]

The matter having duly come on for a dispositional hearing, and

Respondent [specify]:

having  appeared  with counsel  without counsel  waived counsel  not appeared;

Respondent [specify]:

having  appeared  with counsel  without counsel  waived counsel  not appeared;

before this Court for the dispositional hearing; and

**[Applicable in cases where guardianship and custody are committed to an authorized agency]:** The Court having determined that the following individual(s) would be entitled to notice of an adoption pursuant to Domestic Relations Law §111-a [specify name(s)]:

And the Court having determined that such person(s)  had  had not been provided with notice of the proceeding and that such person(s)  had  had not appeared;

**[Required if Child is 14 or Older]:** The above-named child, who was born on [specify]:

has consented to adoption by [specify]:

has withheld consent to adoption by [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_ for the following reasons  
[specify, including information furnished by the attorney for the child and/or child]:

**The Court, having made examination and inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the case and into the surroundings, conditions and capacities of the persons involved in this proceeding, finds that the best interests of the child require the disposition made below;**

**NOW, therefore, it is**

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that [specify]:

is not an abandoned child and the petition is DISMISSED.

**OR**

is an abandoned child as defined in subdivision five of section 384-b of the Social Services Law; and it is [Check applicable box(es)]:

ORDERED that the guardianship and custody rights of [specify]:

are transferred to [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_,  an authorized agency  foster parent(s); and such guardianship and custody of the child are committed to the  authorized agency  foster parent(s) upon the following terms and conditions [specify]:

And it is further ORDERED that [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_ is authorized and empowered to consent to the adoption of the child subject to the order of a Court of competent jurisdiction to which a

petition for adoption is submitted without the consent of or further notice to [specify]:  
, the [specify relationship to the child]:

**Applicable where guardianship and custody have been transferred to the Petitioner**

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner herein shall forthwith advise the pre-adoptive foster parents(s) of his/her/their right to file an adoption petition in a court of competent jurisdiction and further advise the pre-adoptive foster parent(s) as to all necessary supporting documents;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this order be filed for recording at the Office of the County Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law;

**Applicable Where Child may be Native-American:**

ORDERED that the following should be notified of this proceeding [specify]:

the  custodian of the child;  tribe/nation;  United States Secretary of the Interior

ORDERED that in light of the assumption of jurisdiction by the tribe/nation, this proceeding is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

**Required Date Certain for Permanency Hearing** [Required in all cases in which the child is in the guardianship and custody of the authorized agency or foster parent]:

**ORDERED that if the child remains in the custody and guardianship of the authorized agency or foster parent, the next permanency hearing shall be held on [specify date certain within 30 days of the earlier of the Court's announcement of its decision or issuance of this Order]:**

And it is further ORDERED that Petitioner shall transmit notice of the hearing and a permanency report no later than [check applicable box]:  14 days in advance of the above date certain  other date [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_ to all parties, attorneys, the attorney for the child and any pre-adoptive parent or relative providing care to the child(ren) and, unless dispensed with by the Court, shall transmit notice of the hearing to former foster parent(s) who have had care of the child(ren) in excess of 12 months.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that

ENTER

Dated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the Family Court

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 1113 OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, AN APPEAL FROM THIS ORDER MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE ORDER BY APPELLANT IN COURT, 35 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF THE ORDER TO APPELLANT BY THE CLERK OF COURT, OR 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE BY A PARTY OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD UPON THE APPELLANT, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.**

**Check applicable box:**

Order mailed or electronically transmitted on [specify date(s) and to whom sent]: \_\_\_\_\_

Order received in court on [specify date(s) and to whom given]: \_\_\_\_\_