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In the matter of \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old, and I am the  mother  father of  
Name of respondent Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of child(ren) and date(s) of birth

- Initial \_\_\_\_\_ I can speak and understand the English language. Initial \_\_\_\_\_ I have had the opportunity to consult with a lawyer.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I can read and write the English language. \_\_\_\_\_ I am not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A language interpreter assisted me with this form. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that this is a civil and not a criminal case.
1. Initial \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the court has jurisdiction of my child(ren).  
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the petitioner has established, by clear and convincing evidence, that there is a basis in law to terminate my parental rights to my child(ren).  
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the petitioner must show, by a preponderance to the evidence, that it is in the best interests of my child(ren) that my parental rights should be terminated. The best interests determination will be based on the entire record of this child protective proceeding.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the court must make a separate best interests determination for each child.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that in making the best interests determination, the court will focus on the child, not me.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the court may consider factors including my bond with my child(ren), my parenting ability, the advantages of a foster home over my home, and my child(ren)'s need for permanency, stability and finality.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that in making the best interests analysis, the court must consider whether my child(ren) is/are placed with a relative. If the relative provides information about my child, the court must consider that information.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I have had the opportunity to consult with my attorney before proceeding with this best interests hearing.

- I agree that termination of my parental rights is in the best interests of my child(ren).  
 I do not contest any evidence that may be offered to establish that termination of my parental rights is in the best interests of my child(ren).  
 I waive participation in the best interests hearing.

MY LAWYER HAS READ AND EXPLAINED TO ME ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM, AND MY ANSWERS ARE TRUTHFUL.

Signature of Respondent /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ AND EXPLAINED THE FOREGOING TO MY CLIENT.

Signature of Attorney /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Attorney \_\_\_\_\_