

# FAMILY FOCUS ADOPTION SERVICES



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## ADOPTION COVENANT

December 1, 2010

Just two months ago, FAMILY FOCUS ADOPTION SERVICES offered to my wife Laura and myself the opportunity to become the parents of the baby whom we have named Myles. We were told at that time that although Myles could be placed with us immediately, the law would not allow us to adopt him until at least thirty days had gone by. Those thirty days are now safely over.

Therefore, this afternoon, I witness and make public to the agency, to my family, and specifically to Laura, that I have made a decision to become Myles's father. This decision of mine, made visible and tangible by my signing this document this afternoon, is a permanent, unconditional, and irrevocable decision. It is a covenant that I make with Myles, independent of any other relationships that I have, and specifically independent of Laura's decision about becoming Myles's mother. I am making Myles my son in my life, in my head, and in my heart, in exactly the same way that Jake is my son, and as though each were born to me. I will respond to Myles, respect him, and love him, as his father forever.

Because my relationship with Myles is forever, I can, and do, promise that I will never allow anyone, including myself or Myles, to interfere with my commitment to Myles's good. I recognize that Myles will eventually, and quite appropriately, have a curiosity about his birth family. I promise to respond to his future questions as honestly and as fully as I am able. Further, I promise to abide by the agreements that our family has made with Myles's birth family about future contacts.

My signature on this paper, in front of Myles and all of these witnesses, is my vow of all that I have promised here. And finally, I wish to say that I am proud to become - this afternoon - Myles's father. In shared celebration, I ask Laura to be my witness.

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Chris Smith

Witnessed by:

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Laura Smith

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December 19, 2010

I, Kathe Stojowski, represent the administrators of FAMILY FOCUS this afternoon. Myles is a baby entrusted by our agency to the care of Laura and Chris Smith just about two months ago. The mandated thirty day waiting period is now long over, and we have made the final decision to allow baby Myles to be adopted by Laura and Chris today. We have investigated the ability of this family to parent, and the motivation behind their decision to adopt, and have given this adoptive placement significant administrative time and careful thought.

We proceed this afternoon because we believe that Laura and Chris Smith are the right family for Myles. We believe Laura and Chris's individual and separate promises to always respect Myles, to always love him, and to always respond to him as their son. We trust each of their guarantees to be Myles's parents forevermore. We have confidence in each of them when they say that Myles will be to them as Jake is, and as a birth child would be. We trust their promises to always respond as fully and as honestly as they are able to any questions Myles may eventually have about his birth family, and to abide by the agreements made with Myles's birth family about future contact.

Given this belief, given this confidence, and given this trust, we have no doubt that Myles will be kept forevermore safe and protected as a full and valued member of the Smith family.

Therefore, as of this moment, Laura is to be referred to always and everywhere as Myles's mother, and Chris is to be referred to always and everywhere as Myles's father. Today, Myles will officially take on Smith as his new last name. Henceforth, he is to be known as Myles Joseph Smith.

With my signature, witnessed below, this adoption becomes official, to be finalized in court as speedily as possible.

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FAMILY FOCUS Administrator

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Witness: Catherine Holmes