

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)

DISMISSAL OF ADOPTION

FOR THE ADOPTION OF

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

THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned, the Court, upon further report of

\_\_\_\_\_, Director of Social Services of \_\_\_\_\_ County;

Representative of \_\_\_\_\_,

a child-placing agency licensed by the State Department of Human Resources; or

The petitioner(s) named herein or their authorized representative, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_.

It appears to the Court that the Petition for Adoption, filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, seeking adoption of the above-named child should be denied for the following reason:

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**THEREFORE, IT IS** ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Petition for Adoption filed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, seeking the adoption of said child be petitioner(s), \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Is denied and that this proceeding be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Custody of the minor child hereby reverts to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(County DSS of licensed private child-placing agency)  
or \_\_\_\_\_ who had custody immediately prior to the filing of the adoption petition.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Superior Court

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
County

**NOTE:**  
Five DSS-1816 forms are filled in. After the Clerk of Superior Court signs and affixes seal, one form is retained in the Clerk of Superior Court's office; one form is given adopting parents; one form is given to the biological parent(s); one form is given to the director of social services or licensed private child-placing agency; and one form shall be forwarded within 10 days by the Clerk of Superior Court to the Division of Social Services, State Department of Health and Human Services.