

APPENDIX 7: CITATION TO PARENT (SC-AD-3)

SISKIYOU COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 311 Fourth St., Yreka, California 96097	(FOR COURT USE ONLY)
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF _____ (name of adopting parent) To Declare Minor _____ (name of minor) Free From the Custody and Control of _____ (name of parent)	
CITATION TO PARENT	CASE NO.
	Date of Hearing:
	Time of Hearing: Courtroom:

FROM: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TO: _____

By order of this Court you are hereby advised that you may appear before the judge presiding in Courtroom _____ of the Court, located at _____, Yreka, California, on _____ at _____ (PM)(AM), then and there to show cause, if any you have, why _____ (name of minor) should not be declared free from your custody and control for the purpose of placing said child for adoption.

The following information concerns rights and procedures that relate to this proceeding for the termination of custody and control of _____, as set forth in Family Code Section 7800, et seq.

1. At the beginning of the proceeding, the Court will consider whether or not the interests of the minor require the appointment of counsel. If the Court finds that the interests of the minor do require such protection, the Court will appoint counsel to represent him/her, whether or not the minor is able to afford counsel. The minor will not be present in court unless he/she so requests or the Court so orders.
2. If the cited parent of the minor appears without counsel and is unable to afford counsel, the Court must appoint counsel for the parent, unless the parent knowingly and intelligently waives the right to be represented by counsel. The Court will not appoint the same attorney to represent both the minor and his/her parent.

3. The Court may appoint either the public defender or private counsel. If private counsel is appointed, he/she will receive a reasonable sum for compensation and expenses, the amount of which will be determined by the Court. That amount must be paid by the real parties in interest (but not by the minor) in such proportion as the Court believes to be just. If, however, the Court finds that any of the real parties in interest cannot afford counsel, the attorney fees will be paid by the Court or County as statutorily appropriate, wholly or in part.

4. The Court may continue the proceeding for not more than 30 days, as necessary, to appoint counsel and to enable counsel to become acquainted with the case.

Date: _____

By: _____

Deputy Clerk