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Adoption Covenant

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I, Harold Anthony Jones, have made my decision. I have decided to be adopted by Carol and Jim Brown. I have lived with Carol and Jim for a very long time and I have completed every single one of my adoption steps. The evidence which has been presented at my step meetings also proves that I have given this decision much time and much serious thought. I understand that this decision means that Carol will be my forever mother and that Jim will be my forever father. I also understand that this decision means that I will no longer be a "maybe" son living with a "maybe" family, but a forever son living with my forever family.

Trust has not always been easy for me, but I have learned to trust Carol, and I have learned to trust Jim. They each have proven to me by how they have taken care of me, by the evidence presented at their step meetings, and by completing all of their adoption steps, that they are true to their word. And, I am agreeing this afternoon to entrust them with the responsibility to make the decisions that forever parents make in regard to their children. Sometimes, I may not like those decisions; sometimes, I may not agree with those decisions; and, sometimes, I may even believe that they are wrong. But I trust that as my parents, Carol and Jim will always make those decisions for me using their best knowledge and their best judgment.

I have made my decision to become Carol and Jim's son because I believe that Carol loves me and because I believe that Jim loves me. I believe their individual and separate promises to always respect me, to always protect me, and to always respond to me as my parents, forever. I also believe the promises they made to me this afternoon to respect and protect all of the relationships in my life - always.

I love Carol and I love Jim. I am proud to become their forever son. My decision to become Carol and Jim's son, the same as with every other child on earth, is in response to their individual and separate decisions first to be my forever parents. And so, in response to Carol's promises and in response to Jim's promises, I am making my decision to become their son forever and ever. And I promise that I will always love, respect, and respond to both Carol and Jim as my parents forever. These are decisions I will stand by for the rest of my life.

As of this moment, I will refer to Carol always, everywhere, and only as my mother, and I will refer to Jim always, everywhere, and only as my father. No longer Carol and Jim to me, but "mom and dad" for always. Finally, as a sign of my commitment to my new family, and in recognition of my adoption this afternoon, I sign this Covenant, using for the first time, my new name.

Harold Anthony Brown

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