

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

No. SJC-12846

No. NO18A0078

In the Matter of a Minor

O R D E R

We conclude that the Norfolk Probate and Family Court has jurisdiction to consider the petition for adoption in this matter. It is therefore ORDERED that the judgment of dismissal is vacated. Where the matter is uncontested and notice is not required, the Probate and Family Court shall accept the petition for filing immediately and conduct a hearing on the matter within 30 days of the issuance of this order. See Probate and Family Court Standing Order 1-06(19). If the petition for adoption is not concluded within 60 days of this order, the Probate and Family Court shall submit the reason for the delay in writing to this court.

Opinion to follow.

By the Court,



Francis V. Kenneally, Clerk

ENTERED: January 8, 2020