(Civil Jurisdiction)

BETWEEN: IN THE MATTER of the Application of REGGIE SAM

under the Adoption Act 1958

AND: Ronald Sami

**Applicant** 

Date of Hearing:

4th April 2025

Before:

Hon. Justice Oliver A. Saksak

Appearances:

Ronald Sami, Applicant in person- Remotely by Zoom

## **DECISION**

1. The application for adoption filed on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to adopt a 22 year old grown-up boy is declined and dismissed.

## Reasons

- 2. Firstly, the applicants are currently resident in Auckland, New Zealand.
- 3. Although the application is made jointly by Ronald Sam and his wife Justine Sami, only Ronald Samil has deposed to a sworn statement in support of the application. At paragraph 5 he deposed that he is permanently residing in Auckland, New Zealand.
- 4. Secondly the person they seek to formally adopt in a 22 year old boy born on 25 March 2003. He is not a child or an infant to qualify for or capable of being adopted under the provisions of the Adoption Act of 1958.
- 5. The application is misconceived and without any legal basis. Accordingly it is dismissed.

DATED at Luganville this 4th day of April 2025

BY THE COURT

Hon. Oliver A Saksak

Judge

