**CAPTION:** **IN RE: ADOPTION OF J.G.S.**

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SUMMARY:

The probate court did not abuse its discretion when it determined that granting the adoption petition was in the best interest of the minor under R.C. 3107.161 where petitioner produced competent and credible evidence showing that petitioner had cared for the minor child for years, the child considered petitioner and her daughters his family, petitioner had provided the child with a safe and stable environment, the child was adjusted to life with the petitioner, the child wanted to be adopted, and the child’s birth parents had a history of being uninvolved in the child’s life.

JUDGMENT: AFFIRMED

JUDGES: OPINION by BOCK, J.; CROUSE, P.J., and BERGERON, J., CONCUR.