



PER CURIAM

The sole issue presented by this appeal is whether trial court erred in dismissing the petition of Maureen Kathryn Palm for the adoption of Franklin Stephen Palm, her stepson. Kathy's petition, supported by her husband, F.C., the child's natural father, is resisted by the natural mother, Beverly Hickman Palm.

The general principles governing review of adoption proceedings are well established. In re Adoption of Keithley, 206 N.W.2d 707, 711-712 (Iowa 1973). In fact, the parties cite to us the same cases. In re Adoption of Gustafson, 240 N.W.2d 674 (Iowa 1976); In re Adoption of Zimmerman, 229 N.W.2d 245 (Iowa 1975); In re Adoption of Harris, 219 N.W.2d 526 (Iowa 1974).

We need not recite the facts and circumstances disclosed by the evidence as the parties are familiar with what was presented in the district court proceedings. Upon scrutiny of the record we have concluded to abide by trial court's judgment. Trial court heard the evidence first-hand, observed the parties and their witnesses, and decreed that the parent-child relationship between Beverly and Stephen should not be severed. We agree with trial court, that it is not in the best interests of the child to terminate that relationship at this time. In affirming the denial of Kathy's petition, it should be understood that we have no doubt as to her sincerity of purpose, or her fitness as a mother. We share trial court's view that Kathy, since her marriage to F.C., has been an excellent mother to Stephen. Without question she has great love and affection for him and has done a commendable job in attending to his care and needs. This decision should not in any way diminish Kathy's relationship with Stephen; yet neither is Stephen deprived of the benefit of a continuing relationship with his natural mother, Beverly.

AFFIRMED.