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ADOPTEE RIGHTS DEMONSTRATION - EQUAL ACCESS TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Adopted persons, their families and friends will be gathering in New Orleans for the National Conference of State Legislators for a demonstration on equal rights for adopted persons in the United States.

DATE: July 22, 2008

TIME: 11:30 am

DEMONSTRATION LOCATION: Lafayette Square Park New Orleans. The demonstration will begin at Lafayette Square Park marching 8 blocks to the National Conference of State Legislators being held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Centre (900 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans)

WEB SITE FOR DEMONSTRATION: www.adopteerights.net

In the United States only six states (Alabama, Alaska, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire and Oregon) allow adopted persons access to their original birth certificates. We believe that that state governments are discriminating against a sector of the population by legally withholding personal information and documents from citizens, that all other tax-paying voting citizens are entitled to.

In no legislation or on any adoption contract does it state why an adopted person is not entitled to their own birth certificate. Opposition to adopted persons possessing their original birth certificates will present unsupported claims that a relinquishing mother has the right to privacy and to be protected from her daughter or son relinquished to adoption, therefore allowing a mother a lifetime of privacy and anonymity. The truth is that relinquishing mothers do not seal their children's original birth certificates - the original birth certificates are sealed by state governments.

The participants of the demonstration believe that every citizen of the United States should be treated equally. To do otherwise is discrimination. We would like all remaining states to introduce legislation that will allow adopted persons in the United States equal access to their original birth certificates.

We encourage your reporters to cover this story and event to help us bring public awareness to this demonstration in New Orleans.

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