

PROCLAMATION

Adoptee Rights Campaign

WHEREAS, adopted as children by US. citizens. an estimated 35,000 intercountry adoptees were raised in the US. but yet belied US. citizenship. The **Adoptee Rights Campaign (ARC)** is a diverse group of intercountry adopters and allies striving to advance adoptee rights. use focus is to educate, organize, and advocate for family permanency by ensuring that citizenship rights are conferred to all adoptees of US. citizens; and,

WHEREAS, in 2000, Congress determined that intercountry adoptees should automatically be granted US. citizenship, and the Childhood Citizenship Act was passed. When the law went into effect, adoptees who were age eighteen or older were denied the same automatic right because of a legal loophole; and,

WHEREAS, the **Adoptee Rights Campaign** invites all Houstonians to support efforts that bring awareness to local communities and encourages state and federal leaders of the need to support adoptees of US. citizens whose citizenship was not properly secured through the legal adoption processes or under the provisions of United States adoption policies.

THEREFORE, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim January 23, 2018, as

Adoptee Rights Campaign Day

in Houston, Texas.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 11th day of January. 2018.

Sylvester Turner
Mayor of the City of Houston