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James Hoffman
Chairman, Wayne County Board of Supervisors
26 Church St.
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Dear Mr. Hoffman,

I recently spoke with Jim Fabino about getting a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors. He explained a little of the process to me and told me it would have to go through one of the committees before actually coming up for a vote. He also told me to contact your office about getting on the agenda for the next meeting, so I could just briefly present the resolution to the board members.

After going through an awful divorce I've been active in the effort for Family Law reform and have spent time contacting legislators at the State & Federal level. I know County government doesn't write State laws, but I also know county budgets and tax burdens are deeply affected by the social services they provide. I hope most people would agree that the best thing for a child is two loving and concerned parents – and the more the parents do for the child; hopefully, less government has to do.

The resolution is simple: It would encourage our State and Federal legislators to debate and write a 'You're a Parent Notification Act'. When a birth occurs, both biological parents must be notified they have a child. It attempts to recognize a Civil Right that perhaps we never thought out (or needed) in the past – the right to know you have a child.

I do not believe there is any other such legislation pending any where else in our nation. Everyone I have talked to about it say it makes a lot of sense. I would be proud to have Wayne County go on record as the first place it was brought up for consideration.

Obviously there are many details in such legislation that need to be debated at both the State and Federal level; however, it puts the people in government who are closest to the people they serve as being in support of the concept. While primarily helping fathers , with the increase in medical technology and the use of 'surrogates' to carry another mother's egg – it would benefit both genders.

I have attached a draft of the resolution I wish to present to the board members for consideration. Thank you for your time and I look forward to meeting you and the other board members in person.

Best regards!

John Murtari
Coordinator, AKidsRight.Org

DRAFT of a RESOLUTION in support of 'The You're a Parent Notification Act'

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes a significant portion of the County budget and tax burden is associated with social type services; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the value of having two loving & concerned parents in the life of a child; they can help reduce the need for extra government services and expense; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to recognize that both mothers and fathers have a Civil Right to know they have a child beginning at birth; that when society learns to recognize & protect fundamental human rights – we all benefit. Liberty, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, women gaining the vote, the end of segregation – all made us better. They brought basic structural changes to society, sometimes limited hardship – but always very good changes overall; and

WHEREAS, the board also acknowledges there are many other questions and details involved in this issue and that public debate and discussion of the details and implementation of such legislation is beyond its local scope, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board encourages the State and Federal Legislators representing the communities of Wayne County to consider the introduction of legislation that would ensure that both biological parents are notified when a birth occurs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that with the proper implementation and protections that the Board of Supervisors considers such legislation to be good for the people of Wayne County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk deliver a copy of this RESOLUTION to each of the State and Federal Legislators representing the communities of Wayne County.