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MEDIA ADVISORY

For Friday, November 20, 2009

Sebelius, Landrieu, McDermott to participate in National Adoption Day Ceremony

In honor of the 10th anniversary of National Adoption Day, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will host a ceremonial adoption involving two families on Friday November 20, 2009. HHS Secretary Sebelius, U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu, U.S. Representative Jim McDermott and adoption advocates will attend the ceremony at HHS.

WHO: Kathleen Sebelius, HHS Secretary
Mary Landrieu, United States Senator (LA)
Jim McDermott, United States Representative (WA)
Rita Soronen, Executive Director, Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption
Kathleen Strotman, Executive Director, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute
Joshua DuBois, Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director, White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
Joan Lombardi, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood, Administration for Children and Families, HHS
Lee F. Satterfield, Chief Judge, D.C. Superior Court

WHAT: National Adoption Day Ceremony

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 3:00 p.m. (EST)

WHERE: HHS Auditorium
Hubert Humphrey Building
200 Independence Street, SW
Washington D.C. 20201

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Over the past 10 years, more than 25,000 children have been adopted from foster care on National Adoption Day through the efforts of adoption advocates, policymakers, judges and lawyers.

National Adoption Day is officially observed on Saturday, November 21st.

For more information please visit: www.NationalAdoptionDay.org