

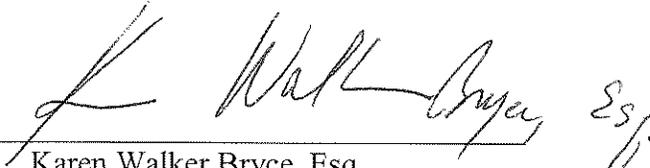
CERTIFICATION OF AN EMERGENCY RULE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

I, Karen Walker Bryce, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), hereby certify that the attached amendments to sections 421.27(d)(1) and 443.8(e)(1), together with the repeal of 421.27(k) and 443.8(k) of Title 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York were duly adopted by me and are effective October 1, 2008.

These amendments were adopted pursuant to the provisions of sections 20(3)(d), 34(3)(f), and 378-a(2) of the Social Services Law; section 5 of Chapter 623 of the Laws of 2008, which authorized OCFS to file regulations on an emergency basis to implement standards relating to criminal history record reviews; and, in accordance with Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997, which transferred certain functions, powers, duties and obligations of the former Department of Social Services to OCFS under which the Commissioner of OCFS may promulgate regulations on an emergency basis necessary to carry out the purposes of the agency.

The adoption of these regulations on an emergency basis is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of foster children by implementing the provisions of Chapter 623 of the Laws of 2008, which relate to the mandatory disqualification of certain applicants for, and existing, certified or approved foster or prospective adoptive parents based on a felony conviction related to a specified category of crimes.

Dated: September 30, 2008



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Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel