

Yukon Health and Social Services
Government of Yukon

DISCLOSURE VETO AND STATEMENT

Pertaining to an Adopted Person or Birth Parent



Disclosure Veto and Statement (*Child and Family Services Act*)

- Under section 143 of the Yukon *Children and Family Services Act*, either of the following may apply to the Director of Family and Children's Services to file a written veto prohibiting the disclosure of a birth registration or other related adoption records under sections 140 or 141.
 - An adopted person who is 18 years of age or over and was adopted under Part 3 of the *Children's Act* or any predecessor to that Part;
 - A birth parent named on the original birth registration of an adopted person referred to in section 143.
- When an applicant applies to the Director of Family and Children's Services under this section, they must supply proof of identity required by the Director and, the Director of Family and Children's Services must file the disclosure veto.
- A person who files a disclosure veto may file with it a written statement that includes any of the following:
 - The reasons for wishing not to disclose any identifying information;
 - In the case of a birth parent, a brief summary of any available information about the medical and social history of the birth parents and their families; and
 - Any other relevant non-identifying information.
- When a person applying for a copy of a record is informed that a disclosure veto has been filed, the Director of Family and Children's Services must give the person the non-identifying information that is in any written statement filed with the disclosure veto.
- A person who files a disclosure veto may cancel the veto at any time by notifying, in writing, the Director of Family and Children's Services in writing.
- Unless cancelled, a disclosure veto continues in effect until 2 years after the death of the person who filed the veto.
- While the veto is in effect, the Director of Family and Children's Services must not disclose any information that is in a record that relates to the person who filed the veto.

Making a false statement

Under Section 155 of the *Child and Family Services Act*, a person must not make a statement that the person knows to be false or misleading in an application, or in connection with an application for a copy of a birth registration, or other record under Part 5 of the *Child and Family Services Act*, or for filing a disclosure veto, or no-contact declaration.

A person who contravenes this section of the *Act* commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of up to **\$10,000 or up to one year of imprisonment or both.**

Having read and understood the above section of the *Act*,

I _____ do solemnly declare that I wish
(Please Print Full Given Names and Surname)

to register a DISCLOSURE VETO prohibiting the disclosure of a birth record or other record under section 143 of the *Child and Family Services Act*.

