

END THE SECRECY OF OUR OWN BIRTH RECORDS

A non-partisan Michigan-driven coalition committed to restoring the right of all adult adopted people to obtain their own original birth certificates, without discriminatory conditions or restrictions.



Michigan Adoptee Rights Coalition

1945

Michigan enacts its first law to replace an adopted person's original birth record with an amended birth record. The amended record lists adoptive parents as birthparents.

1980

Motivated by a now repealed law that Minnesota enacted in 1977, Michigan creates a complex bureaucratic process for adult adoptees to obtain any information about their own identities.

2023-2024

Fifteen states have restored a right to possess your own birth record. Yet Michigan law for adopted people remains inequitable, discriminatory, and incomprehensibly complex.



INEQUALITY BITES. LET'S FIX IT.

Adoptees, birthparents, adoptive parents, and adoption professionals overwhelmingly support adult adoptees' equal right to obtain copies of their own original birth records upon request. HB5148 & HB5149:

- Simplifies an overly complex and outdated law
- Streamlines government and agency processes
- Restores and recognizes every person's right to possess their own vital records

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Coalition members include Michigan Adoptee Collaborative, Adoptee Advocates of Michigan, and the Adoptee Rights Law Center