

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DR. JAMES L. SHERLEY; DR. THERESA
DEISHER; NIGHTLIGHT CHRISTIAN
ADOPTIONS, individually and as next friend for
PLAINTIFF EMBRYOS; SHAYNE AND TINA
NELSON; WILLIAM AND PATRICIA FLYNN;
CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. _____

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, in her official capacity as
Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
Services; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES; DR. FRANCIS S. COLLINS, in
his official capacity as Director of the National
Institutes of Health; NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF
HEALTH,

Defendants.

**DECLARATION OF RONALD L. STODDART IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

I, Ronald L. Stoddart, declare as follows:

1. I am the Executive Director of Nightlight Christian Adoptions ("Nightlight"), a plaintiff in this action as an individual and as guardian ad litem for the Embryo Plaintiffs. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify. I am knowledgeable about the facts set forth herein and make this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Appointment as Guardian ad litem.

2. Nightlight is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) adoption agency, located in Fullerton, California and licensed by the States of California and South Carolina to provide adoption services.

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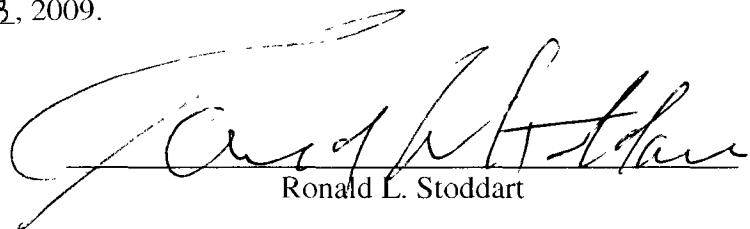
3. Nightlight has been providing adoption and counseling services since 1959 and now provides domestic, international, and embryo adoption services to families in all fifty States. Additionally, it provides free counseling and support to women who are facing unplanned pregnancies.

4. I have been Executive Director of Nightlight since 1995.

5. In 1997, Nightlight began the Snowflakes Frozen Embryo Adoption Program, which seeks to match some of the more than 500,000 frozen embryos nationwide with infertile couples. The program saves embryos' lives, while sharing the hope and joy of bearing and raising children with loving families. To date, Nightlight has matched 393 genetic families (who had created approximately 2,600 embryos) with 270 adopting families. The Snowflakes program has facilitated the birth of 207 children, and ten adopting families currently are expecting thirteen babies.

6. The National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research will reduce the number of embryos available for adoption, which may make it more difficult for Nightlight to place embryos with adoptive families.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 13, 2009.



Ronald L. Stoddart