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**New York Attorneys for Adoption and Assisted Family Formation Proudly
Celebrates the Passage of the Child-Parent Security Act**

(NEW YORK STATE, FEBRUARY 12, 2021) - On February 15, 2021, New York will lift a thirty-year ban on compensated surrogacy following the enactment of the Child-Parent Security Act (CPSA), the nation's most progressive legislation addressing the parentage of those needing the assistance of medical technology to form their families. New York Attorneys for Adoption and Assisted Family Formation (NYA AFF) expresses its gratitude to New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Brad Hoylman, Assembly Member Amy Paulin and the New York Legislature for creating an urgently needed predictable legal and ethical framework for recognizing the parentage of children created through assisted reproduction.

New York Attorneys for Adoption and Assisted Family Formation is proud of the central role we played in the ten-year effort which resulted in passage of the CPSA. The CPSA is a victory for all children born and families formed by assisted means and for New York State's LGBTQ+ community. We also extend our thanks to Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte, Melissa DeRosa, Secretary to Governor Cuomo and recognize the tremendous contributions made by RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, Family Equality and every member of the Protecting Modern Families Coalition for their fierce advocacy in bringing this legal reform to the State of New York. There were countless number of advocates whose leadership on this issue was instrumental in standing up for the women and men of New York struggling to create families and for those New York women committed to acting as gestational surrogates. Because of the CPSA, the respective interests of intended parents, those children born via assisted means and the women who act as gestational surrogates will enjoy the strongest legal and health protections afforded parties engaged in collaborative reproduction, anywhere in the United States.

We, at NYA AFF, are particularly proud of the CPSA's Surrogates' Bill of Rights, the first in the country, which makes law the most extensive protections available to

gestational surrogates. We are excited that the CPSA and, particularly, the Surrogates' Bill of Rights will serve as model legislation for other states intending to protect all families formed through assisted reproduction technologies.

NYAAFF is grateful for the support, guidance and encouragement offered by the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA) through-out this process. Each member of NYAAFF and specifically those NYAAFF attorneys who drafted the language of the CPSA and advocated for its passage are admitted Fellows of AAAA.

NYAAFF agrees with our Governor that, in New York, love most certainly does make a family.

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New York Attorneys for Adoption and Assisted Family Formation (NYAAFF) is a group of adoption and assisted reproduction law attorneys and other child-welfare professionals from across New York State, who work with adoptive families, birth parents, intended parents, adoption agencies, children, child welfare agencies and the court system to protect and advocate for the rights of adoptive children, children born through assisted reproduction and their families. For press and other inquiries please contact NYAAFF President Kathleen DiPaola at 518-436-4170 or via e-mail: kdipaola@thecdslawfirm.com.

ABOUT THE ACADEMY OF ADOPTION & ASSISTED REPRODUCTION ATTORNEYS

The Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA) is a credentialed organization dedicated to the competent and ethical practice of adoption and assisted reproduction law. It advocates for laws and policies to protect the best interests of children, the legal status of families formed through adoption and assisted reproduction, and the rights of all interested parties. For more information, visit www.adoptionart.org.