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S.B. No. 640

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to creating a recognition day to celebrate adoption,  
3 adoptive families, and adoption workers in Texas.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 662.053 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 662.053. TEXAS ADOPTION DAY. (a) The Saturday  
8 before Thanksgiving Day of each year is Texas Adoption Day to  
9 celebrate and encourage adoption, adoptive families, and adoption  
10 workers in Texas.

11 (b) Texas Adoption Day shall be regularly observed by  
12 appropriate ceremonies and activities that encourage participation  
13 in and raise awareness about the adoption process and that honor  
14 adoptive families and adoption workers in Texas.

15 (c) The Department of Family and Protective Services shall  
16 create a statewide awareness campaign to promote Texas Adoption Day  
17 and shall coordinate ceremonies and activities held throughout the  
18 state.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.