

Department of Human Resources
Social Services

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

RULE NO. & TITLE: 660-5-36 Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

INTENDED ACTION: To create a new chapter.

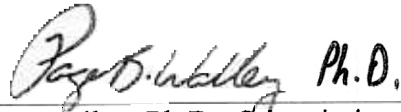
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) provides guidelines for placing Indian children in foster care or adoptive homes that reflect the values of their Indian culture. The guidelines established by federal statute are to protect the integrity of Indian tribes and assure that state child welfare practices acknowledge the vital role that the child's cultural heritage and tribal community must play in child welfare decision-making for Indian children.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested parties may submit data, views, or arguments respecting the proposed amendment by mail or in person through the close of business on November 1, 2007. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or arguments orally should contact the Department's Administrative Procedure Secretary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding State holidays, at (334) 242 - 1328, or set up an appointment for such oral/in person presentations.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 1, 2007

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