## **BIRTH MOTHER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

- 1. We have the right to dignity and respect.
- 2. We have the right to know if our surrendered child is alive and well.
- 3. We have the right to possess, surrender, relinquishment, consent to adopt, termination of parental rights and hospital records pertaining to ourselves and our child.
- 4. We have the right and obligation to provide full knowledge to our child of their origins, ethnic and religious backgrounds, their original name and any pertinent medical and social details.
- 5. We have the right to personal contact with our adult child, as all other humans. We have the right to update our medical and social history for our child.
- 6. We have the right to live without guilt toward our child. We have the right to give back or let go of any shame caused by our pregnancy and our child's adoption.
- 7. We have the right to love our child as all other parents. We have the right and obligation to show our feelings
- 8. We have the right to become whole and complete people. We have the right and obligation not to violate the dignity of all people in the adoption circle and to carry our message to all birth parents who still suffer.

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In S.C. there is not a length between the actual birth a waiting period time of termination. Please read the law regarding revolke of parental termination.

Adoption Records were open in S.C. until 1964