

## Certification for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transitions to Adulthood<sup>1</sup>

As Chief Executive Officer of the State or Tribal Leader of the Tribe of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Fill in State/Tribe Name)

I certify:

[Check one of the following boxes]:

*If the State/Tribe has an approved title IV-E plan amendment to serve youth up to age 21, check here:*

the State/Tribe has elected under section 475(8)(B) of title IV-E of the Social Security Act to extend eligibility for foster care to all children who have not attained 21 years of age;

*If the State/Tribe has a comparable program to serve youth in foster care up to age 21, check here:*

the State/Tribe agency responsible for administering the State/Tribe plans under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act uses State/Tribal funds or any other funds not provided under title IV-E to provide services and assistance for youths who have aged out of foster care that are comparable to the services and assistance the youths would receive if the State/Tribe had elected to extend eligibility for foster care up to age 21 under section 475(8)(B) of title IV-E.

I further certify that the State/Tribe has in effect and is operating a Statewide or areawide program pursuant to section 477(b) of the Act relating to the Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transitions to Adulthood (the Chafee program) and that the following provisions to effectively implement the Chafee program are in place:

- (A) The State/Tribe provides assistance and services to youths who have aged out of foster care, and have not attained 23 years of age.
- (B) Not more than 30 percent of the amounts paid to the State/Tribe from its allotment for a fiscal year will be expended for room or board for youths who have aged out of foster care and have not attained 23 years of age.

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Signature of State Chief Executive Officer or Tribal Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Associate Commissioner, Children’s Bureau

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Date

<sup>1</sup> This certification is required only if the State/Tribe wishes to serve youth up to their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.