

# **Exhibit 2**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA**

HISPANIC INTEREST COALITION  
OF ALABAMA; *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ROBERT BENTLEY, in his official capacity  
as Governor of the State of Alabama; *et al.*,

Defendants.

RT. REV. HENRY N. PARSLEY, JR., in his  
official capacity as Bishop of the Episcopal  
Church in the Diocese of Alabama; *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ROBERT BENTLEY, in his official capacity  
as Governor of the State of Alabama; *et al.*,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STATE OF ALABAMA; GOVERNOR  
ROBERT J. BENTLEY,

Defendants.

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**DECLARATION OF JERRY BASSETT**

State of Alabama  
County of Montgomery

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State,  
personally appeared Jerry Bassett and, after having been by me first duly  
sworn, deposes and says under oath as follows:

1. My name is Jerry Bassett. I am over (19) nineteen years of age and have personal knowledge of the facts as are set out herein.
2. I am currently the Director of the Alabama Legislative Reference Service and the Code Commissioner for the State of Alabama. I have served in this position since 1991.
3. One of the functions of the Legislative Reference Service ("LRS") is to manage the codification of Acts of the Alabama Legislature. In the process of doing so, LRS reviews Acts for ambiguities, misspellings, punctuation errors, and other inconsistencies. Where appropriate, the language is modified to resolve the ambiguities, misspellings, punctuation, and inconsistencies.
4. Once LRS has resolved ambiguities, misspellings, punctuation errors, and other inconsistencies, and made a determination as to where in the

Alabama Code the content of the new Acts shall be codified, it then instructs the publisher of the Code of Alabama as to how each Act is to be codified.

5. During the following Legislative Session, the modifications made by the LRS for the prior session's Acts are typically approved by the Alabama Legislature.

6. In reviewing Sections 5(f) and 6(f) of Act No. 2011-535, the uncodified portions of which will be codified as Chapter 13 of Title 31 of the Code of Alabama, the Code Commissioner has determined that they will read as follows:

Section 31-13-5(f)

Every person working for the State of Alabama or a political subdivision thereof, including, but not limited to, a law enforcement agency in the State of Alabama or a political subdivision thereof, shall have a duty to report violations of this section. Any person who willfully fails to report any violation of this section when the person knows that this section is being violated shall be guilty of obstructing governmental operations as defined in Section 13A-10-2.

Section 31-13-6(f)

Every person working for the State of Alabama or a political subdivision thereof, including, but not limited to, a law enforcement agency in the state of Alabama or a political subdivision thereof, shall have a duty to report violations of this section. Failure to report any violation of this section when there is reasonable cause to believe that this section

is being violated is obstructing governmental operations as defined in Section 13A-10-2, and shall be punishable pursuant to state law.

  
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Jerry Bassett  
Director, Legislative Reference Service  
Code Commissioner

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the 4th  
day of August, 2011.

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Notary Public

My commission Expires : May 4, 2013