

Bill of Rights

for

People of Mixed Heritage

I **HAVE THE RIGHT...**

- Not to justify my existence in this world.
- Not to keep the races separate within me.
- Not to justify my ethnic legitimacy.
- Not to be responsible for people's discomfort with my physical or ethnic ambiguity.

I **HAVE THE RIGHT...**

- To identify myself differently than strangers expect me to identify.
- To identify myself differently than how my parents identify me.
- To identify myself differently than my brothers and sisters.
- To identify myself differently in different situations.

I **HAVE THE RIGHT...**

- To create a vocabulary to communicate about being multiracial or multiethnic.
- To change my identity over my lifetime--and more than once.
- To have loyalties and identification with more than one group of people.
- To freely choose whom I befriend and love.