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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families the authority vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services with authority to re-delegate to the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, the following authority vested in the Secretary under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, Public Law 110-457, 22 U.S.C. 7105.

Authority Delegated

1. Authority to provide interim assistance to children who may have been subjected to a severe form of trafficking and to conduct activities related to eligibility letters under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, Public Law 110-457, section 212(a)(2), 22 U.S.C. 7105, as amended. In exercising the authority to conduct activities related to eligibility letters, personnel in the Administration for Children and Families will consult with the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security and nongovernmental organizations with expertise on victims of trafficking.

2. Authority to train Federal staff and State and local officials to improve identification and protection for trafficking victims under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, Public Law 110-457, section 212(b)(1) and (2), 22 U.S.C. 7105, as amended.

I hereby affirmed and ratified any actions taken by the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families or any other Administration for Children and

Families officials, which, in effect, involved the exercise of this authority prior to the effective date of this delegation.

Limitations

1. This delegation shall be exercised under the Departments existing delegation of authority and policy on regulations.

2. This delegation shall be exercised under financial and administrative requirements applicable to all Administration for Children and Families authorities.

Effective Date

This delegation of authority is effective on date of signature.

Dated: March 23, 2009.

Charles E. Johnson,

Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, with authority to re-delegate to the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, the following authority vested in the Secretary under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 Public Law 110-457 § 235, amended.

Authority Delegated

Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(a)(1) to work in conjunction with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General, to develop policies and procedures to ensure that unaccompanied alien children (UAC) are safely repatriated to their country of nationality or of last habitual residence.

2. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(a)(5)(A) to work in conjunction with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security, nongovernmental organizations, and other national and international agencies and experts, to create a pilot program to develop and implement best

practices for the repatriation and reintegration of UAC.

3. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(b)(1) to provide care and custody of all UAC, except as otherwise provided under § 235(a), including responsibility for their detention, where appropriate.

4. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(b)(4) to develop age determination procedures in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security.

5. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(c)(1) to establish policies and programs to ensure that UAC are protected from traffickers and other persons seeking to victimize or otherwise engage such children in criminal, harmful or exploitative activity.

6. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(c)(2) to place an unaccompanied alien child in the least restrictive setting that is in the best interest of the child. In making such placements, personnel in the Administration for Children and Families may consider danger to self, danger to the community, and risk of flight. Concerning placements in a secure facility, the personnel in the Administration for Children and Families shall review the placements, at a minimum, on a monthly basis to determine if such placements remain warranted. Placement of child trafficking victims may include placement in an Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program, pursuant to section 4 12(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1522(d)).

7. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(c)(3)(A) to place an unaccompanied alien child with a custodian upon determining that the proposed custodian is capable of providing for the child's physical and mental well-being. Such determination shall, at a minimum, include verification of the custodian's identity and relationship to the child and an independent finding that the custodian has not engaged in any activity that would pose a potential risk to the child.

8. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(c)(3)(B) to conduct a home study for a child who is a victim of a severe

form of trafficking in persons, a special needs child with a disability, a child who has been a victim of physical or sexual abuse under circumstances that indicate that the child's health or welfare has been significantly harmed or threatened, or a child whose proposed sponsor clearly presents a risk of abuse, maltreatment, exploitation, or trafficking to the child based on all available objective evidence.

9. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(c)(3)(B) to conduct follow-up services, during the pendency of removal proceedings, on children for whom a home study was conducted, and to conduct follow-up services for those UAC with mental health or other needs.

10. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(c)(4) to cooperate with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) to ensure that custodians of UAC receive legal orientation presentations provided through the Legal Orientation Program administered by EOIR.

11. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(c)(5) to ensure, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with section 292 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1362), that UAC who are or have been in the custody of the Secretary or the Secretary of Homeland Security, and who are not described in § 235(a)(2)(A), have counsel. To the greatest extent practicable, personnel in the Administration for Children and Families shall make every effort to use the services of pro bono counsel who agree to provide representation to such UAC without charge.

12. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(c)(6) to appoint independent child advocates for child trafficking victims or other vulnerable UAC.

13. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(d)(1) to specifically consent to juvenile court jurisdiction for an unaccompanied alien child who is applying for special immigrant status pursuant to 101(a)(27)(J) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 101(a)(27)(J)) and who is in the custody of the Secretary.

14. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008

§ 235(d)(4)(A) to make eligible for placement and services under a URM program pursuant to § 412(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1522(d)) children granted special immigrant status under section 101(a)(27)(J) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(J)) and who were either in the custody of the Secretary or who were receiving services pursuant to section 501(a) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (8 U.S.C. 1522 note) at the time a dependency order was granted.

15. Authority under the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 § 235(e) to train Federal personnel, and upon request, State and local personnel, who have substantive contact with UAC.

I hereby affirmed and ratified any actions taken by the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families or any other Administration for Children and Families officials, which, in effect, involved the exercise of this authority prior to the effective date of this delegation.

Limitations

1. This delegation shall be exercised under the Departments' existing delegation of authority and policy on regulations.

2. This delegation shall be exercised under financial and administrative requirements applicable to all Administration for Children and Families authorities.

Effective Date

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Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious

commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for companies and may also be available for licensing.

ADDRESSES: Licensing information and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by writing to the indicated licensing contact at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804; telephone: 301/496-7057; fax: 301/402-0220. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

Cell Based Immunotherapy

Description of Technology: The invention hereby offered for licensing is in the field of Immunotherapy and more specifically in therapy of autoimmune diseases such as Type I diabetes, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus erythematosus and immune mediated allergies such as asthma as well as in transplantation-related disorders, such as graft acceptance and graft-versus-host-disease (GVHD).

While the role of FOXP3+ regulatory T cells (Tregs) in the maintenance of self-tolerance and immune homeostasis has been established and thus their use in adoptive immunotherapy has been contemplated, there is still no good way to purify and expand these cells in an efficient and reproducible manner ex vivo for use in human therapy. The subject invention provides a method that allows such purification for use in expansion cultures to generate sufficient numbers of cells and purity for cell-based immunotherapy. The method is based on the finding that Tregs selectively express Latency Associated Peptide (LAP) and CD121b (IL-1 Receptor Type 2) and on the ability to selectively separate these cells from other immune cells that are potentially hazardous, through the use of magnetic particles which specifically bind to either one of these two surface molecules and selectively separate those cells from the non-Tregs.

Applications:

Immunotherapy, primarily for autoimmune diseases such as Type I diabetes, hematologic disorders such as aplastic anemia, transplantation-related disorders, such as graft acceptance and graft-versus-host-disease (GVHD) and allergic diseases such as asthma.

Facilitating detailed studies and analysis of human Treg function in health and disease.