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SUBJECT: ADAPT of Los Angeles Walk/Roll for Disability Rights and Services

Los Angeles, CA – On October 29, 2014 at 12:00PM, ADAPT of Los Angeles will walk to California Governor Jerry Brown’s Los Angeles office on Spring Street to hold a public demonstration, as well as deliver the attached resolution on the Community First Choice Option in the Affordable Care Act.

The Community Choice Act (CCA) gives people real choice in long term care options by reforming Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid) by ending the institutional bias. “The current long term care system has an institutional bias” said Hector Ochoa, organizer with ADAPT of Los Angeles.

Thousands of seniors and people with disabilities are currently trapped in nursing facilities because our systems do not provide adequate home and community-based services. By offering long-term care services in the person's home and community, the Community Choice Act will give people control over their lives and enable them to choose where they live. In many states, providing such services has also demonstrated cost savings for Medicaid. The Americans with Disabilities Act’s most integrated setting mandate also asserts that people have a right to receive long-term care services in their own home. This right was affirmed by the US Supreme Court in its Olmstead ruling. “Though California is better than most states, Governor Brown can help eliminate the current institutional bias in California and the rest of the country by writing the National Governors Association and working with ADAPT” said ADAPT member Arturo Nevarez.

ADAPT of Los Angeles is part of National ADAPT (www.adapt.org), the largest grassroots, disability rights, Direct Action organization in the country.

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