

## DECLARATION OF JOSE JULIAN MORALES

I, José Julian Morales, hereby declare the following:

1. I am competent to testify to the matters herein. Unless otherwise indicated, I make this declaration based upon personal knowledge.
2. I was born on May 26, 1979. I became a United States Citizen in November 2007. I am currently 29 years old.
3. I consider myself Latino and identify myself as Latino.
4. I have been a resident of Georgia since 2000.
5. I currently reside in Cherokee County.
6. My current Georgia driver's license was issued in April 2006.
7. I have been a legal permanent resident of the United States since I was about 2 or 3 years old.
8. I am currently studying International Affairs at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. I will be graduating in December 2008 with a B.A. in International Affairs.
9. On or around the beginning of September 2008, I filled out a voter registration form on campus through a student organization.
10. Approximately two weeks after filling out my voter registration form, I received a letter from Cherokee County. The letter indicated that I would not be able to vote unless I provided evidence of my citizenship in court. I understood from the letter that I would have to go to court and prove my citizenship. The letter also indicated that I would be eliminated from the voter list if I did not prove my citizenship.
11. Upon receiving this letter, I was initially very concerned. After more time passed, I began to feel upset about the letter and the fact that I was being asked to prove my citizenship even though I am already a citizen.
12. The next week, I received another letter. The letter indicated I had to provide additional information such as a copy of my driver's license, passport or other document, that verifies I am a U.S. citizen.
13. Approximately two weeks after I received the second letter, I drove to the Cherokee County Elections and Registration office located at 400 E. Main Street, in Canton, Georgia, in order to prove my citizenship. This office is located about

30 minutes from my home. I indicated to the Clerk that I had been asked to prove my citizenship in order to vote. I proceeded to show her my passport.

14. I then asked the Clerk in the Cherokee County Elections and Registration office if my passport was sufficient evidence to enable me to vote. She indicated that my passport was sufficient to prove my citizenship, and that I would be receiving a voter registration card in the mail.
15. A week later I received my voting card in the mail. A true and correct copy of that card is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit 1.
16. On October 3, 2008 I received a notification in the mail to pick up certified mail addressed to me at my local post office.
17. On October 7, 2008, I retrieved the certified mail from the post office. The certified mail was a letter from the Cherokee County Elections and Registration office. The letter states that I may not be qualified to vote in Cherokee County because I may not be a U.S. citizen. The letter also states that if I did not contact the Cherokee County Elections and Registration office before October 15, 2008, or appear at a hearing on the same date, my name will be removed from the list of registered voters. A true and correct copy of this letter and the envelope it was sent in is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit 2.
18. I am upset that after going through all the steps I had to go through my right to vote is still being threatened.
19. I am very excited about the possibility of voting, particularly in the upcoming election. I think this will be a close election and I am concerned about this country.
20. I want to make sure my vote is counted.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

This the 08 day of October, 2008.

  
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JOSE JULIAN MORALES