

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of:

\_\_\_\_\_ A Minor

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN/SUCCESSOR  
GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF A MINOR

THIS CAUSE coming to be heard on Petition for Guardian/Successor Guardian of a minor (“Petition”), Petitioner having given proper notice of the time and place of the hearing on the Petition to the relatives of the minor whose names and addresses are stated in the Petition, not less than seven days before the hearing by:

Publication Certified mail, returned receipt requested \_\_\_\_\_ [755 ILCS 5/11-10.1]

The following persons having appeared in Court:

Petitioner (& Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Evidence as to the necessity of guardianship, the qualifications of the petitioner, and the best interests of the minor having been presented; and the Court being fully advised in the premises,

THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Petition is properly filed in this Court as Minor’s residence is in Cook County, Illinois [755 ILCS 5/11-6]
- 2. The Court has jurisdiction to enter an order appointing a guardian of the Minor under Article XI of the Probate Act of 1975 [755 ILCS 5/11-1 to 5/11-18] based on the following facts:

(a) The Minor’s mother, \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 is deceased, her parental rights have been terminated or her whereabouts are not known.  
 is unwilling and/or unable to make and carry out day-to-day child care decisions concerning the minor.  
 voluntarily relinquished physical custody of the Minor.  
 after receiving notice of the hearing under 755 ILCS 5/11-10.1, failed to object to the appointment at the hearing on the petition.  
 consented to the appointment in a written, notarized, dated document, or by personal appearance and consent in open court.

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(b-1) The Minor's father, \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
is deceased, his parental rights have been terminated, or his whereabouts are not known.  
is unwilling and/or unable to make and carry out day-to-day child care decisions  
concerning the Minor.  
voluntarily relinquished physical custody of the Minor.  
after receiving notice of the hearing under 755 ILCS 5/11-10.1, failed to object to the  
appointment at the hearing on the petition  
consented to the appointment in a written, notarized, dated document, or by personal  
appearance and consent in open court.

(b-2) Paternity of the Minor has not been established [755 ILCS 5/11-5(b)]

3. The Petitioner is qualified to act as guardian of the Minor because the Petitioner:
  - A. is capable of providing an active and suitable program of guardianship for the Minor;
  - B. has attained the age of 18 years;
  - C. is a resident of the United States;
  - D. is not of unsound mind or an adjudged person with a disability as defined in the Probate Act; and
  - E. has not been convicted of a felony, or has been convicted of a felony and the Court nevertheless finds the appointment of the Petitioner to be the Minor's best interests, and as part of its best-interest determination, the Court has considered the nature and date of the offense(s) and the evidence of the Petitioner's rehabilitation. [755 ILCS 5/11-3(a)]
  
4. The Court further finds: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. By a preponderance of the evidence, the appointment of a guardian of the person of the Minor is necessary, the petitioner is qualified to be appointed guardian of the Minor, and the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian of the Minor is in the best interests of the Minor, [755 ILCS 5/11-13(f)]

**WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- (1) The Petition for Guardian/Successor Guardian of Minor is granted.
- (2) The Petitioner is appointed Guardian/Successor Guardian of the person of the Minor.
- (3) The bond of the Guardian is        approved (4611)        Waived (4621)

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(4) Letters of Office - Guardianship of Person - Minor shall issue to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- (5) The Guardian/Successor Guardian shall act as an officer of the Court, shall be responsible for the custody, nurture and education of the Minor; and shall carry out the duties of a guardian of the person of a minor as set forth in Section 5/11-13 of the Probate Act [755 ILCS 5/11-13]
- (6) The Guardian/Successor Guardian shall inform the Court of the Minor's current address by certified mail, hand delivery, or other method in accordance with court rules at the address below within 30 days of any change of residence. [755 ILCS 5/11-13(a)].
- (7) The Guardian/Successor Guardian shall not remove the Minor from Illinois for more than 48 hours without first informing the Minor's parents of both (a) the return date and (b) the address and telephone where the Minor may be reached. [755 ILCS 5/11-13(f)]
- (8) The Guardian shall not remove the Minor from Illinois for 30 days or more without prior leave of Court. [755 ILCS 5/11-13(f)]

ENTERED:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Judge's No.

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