

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN JUVENILE COURT

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE INTEREST OF \_\_\_\_\_, DOB \_\_\_\_\_, A CHILD.

\_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ )

PETITIONER, )

vs. )

\_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ (*child*) )

\_\_\_\_\_ (*mother*) )

\_\_\_\_\_ (*father*) )

\_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ )

RESPONDENTS. )

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER APPOINTING  
GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

1. The above-named child, having come under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court under Chapter 27-20.1 of the North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) by a Petition for Guardianship for the above-named child brought under N.D.C.C. Section 27-20.1-06 by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*petitioner's/co-petitioner's full name(s)*),

and it appearing that the child does not have a guardian ad litem, and that it is fit and proper that a guardian ad litem be appointed as required by N.D.C.C. Section 27-20.1-03;

2. It is ordered that \_\_\_\_\_ IS HEREBY APPOINTED as Guardian ad Litem to advocate for the best interests of the child in this matter until a final order of disposition in this case has been entered, unless the time period is specifically extended by the court.

3. The Guardian ad Litem shall have the following powers:
  - a. Access to the child.
  - b. Communicate with the parents, guardians, custodians and care providers for the child and their representatives.
  - c. Receive notice of, and to appear at and participate in court proceedings related to the child.
  - d. Access and/or obtain copies of juvenile court, social services, school, medical, dental, psychiatric, psychological and chemical treatment information, files and records of the child during the period of this appointment.
  
4. The Guardian Ad Litem shall comply with the responsibilities under Rule 17 of the North Dakota Rules of Juvenile Procedure including to:
  - a. Advocate for the best interests of the child in this matter;
  - b. Exercise independent judgment, gather information, participate in negotiations and monitor the case;
  - c. Complete work in a professional manner by participating in meetings impacting the life of this child and other activities as directed by the court.
  - d. Obtain releases of information as required and observe all statutes, rules and regulations, regarding confidentiality.

*(Paragraph 4 continues on next page.)*

e. Prepare a written report regarding the best interest(s) of the child, including conclusions with specific recommendations as appropriate to the facts of the case and filing it with court:

**Within twenty days after appointment.** (*Hearing waived.*)

**At least five working days prior to the initial hearing date on the Petition.**

(Copies of the report to be provided to all parties by the juvenile court under Rule 17 of the North Dakota Rules of Juvenile Procedure.)

**BY THE COURT:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature