

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE GUARDIAN ADVOCACY OF CASE NO.: _____

Name of Person with a Developmental
Disability

**LETTERS OF GUARDIAN ADVOCACY OF THE PERSON
(CO-GUARDIAN ADVOCATES) OF THE PERSON
(Form I)**

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHEREAS, _____ has/have
been appointed Guardian Advocate(s) of the person, _____
_____, a person with a developmental disability
who lacks the decision-making capacity to do some of the tasks necessary to
take care of the Ward's person; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Circuit Judge, declare that _____
_____ is/are duly qualified under the laws of the
State of Florida to act as Guardian Advocate(s) of the Person of _____
_____, with full power to exercise the following powers
and duties on behalf of the person with a developmental disability:

- ☐ to apply for governmental benefits;
- ☐ to determine residency;
- ☐ to consent to medical and mental health treatment;
- ☐ to make decisions about the social environment/social aspects of
life;
- ☐ to make decisions concerning education; and
- ☐ to bring an independent action for support.

Without first obtaining specific authority from the Court, under sections 744.3124(4) and 744.3725, Florida Statutes, the Guardian Advocate (Co-Guardian Advocate) may not:

- a) commit the respondent to a facility, institution, or licensed service provider without formal placement proceedings under Chapter 393, Florida Statutes;
- b) consent to the participation of the respondent in any experimental biomedical or behavior procedure, exam, study, or research;
- c) consent to the performance of sterilization or abortion procedure on the respondent;
- d) consent to termination of life support systems provided for the respondent;
- e) initiate a petition for dissolution of marriage for the Ward; or
- f) exercise any authority over any health care surrogate appointed by any valid advance directive executed by the disabled person, under Chapter 765, Florida Statutes, except upon further order of this Court.

The respondent retains all legal rights except those that are specifically granted to the Guardian Advocate (Co-Guardian Advocate) under court order.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida on _____.

FRANCIS J. ALLMAN
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Order efiled to counsel of record for distribution.