

No. _____

GUARDIANSHIP OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
_____ ,	§	AT LAW NO. _____
AN INCAPACITATED PERSON	§	GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM PURSUANT TO § 645
OF THE TEXAS PROBATE CODE**

On this day, the Court finds it necessary to appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interest of _____, the proposed incapacitated person (“Proposed Ward”) in this guardianship proceeding pursuant to § 645 of the Texas Probate Code in a manner that will enable the Court to determine what will be in the best interest of the Proposed Ward.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that _____, who is an Attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, is appointed as Guardian Ad Litem of Proposed Ward to perform with due diligence the following duties:

- a. to personally interview the Proposed Ward;
- b. to investigate the need for the appointment of a Guardian of the Person and/or Estate for Proposed Ward and obtain a Proposed Guardian if necessary;
- c. to file a written report with the Court concerning the best interest of Proposed Ward as soon as possible, but no later than one week prior to a hearing date (or within a reasonable time if no Application for the Appointment of Guardian is filed);
- d. to file an Application for the Appointment of Guardian of the Person and/or Estate of Proposed Ward if such is determined to be in the best interest of Proposed Ward;
- e. to obtain a hearing date and Letters of Guardianship in due course and as appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Guardian Ad Litem is to be given access to all of the Proposed Ward’s financial, medical, psychological and intellectual testing records. This Order is issued pursuant to 45 CFR 164.512(e)(1)(i) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act which authorizes covered entities to disclose protected health information in the course of any judicial or administrative proceeding when responding to an order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Guardian Ad Litem shall receive a fee at the hourly rate of **\$85.00** for any fee to be paid by Gregg County, Texas, and **\$125.00** on all other matters for service on behalf of the Proposed Ward, and the Guardian Ad Litem shall file an itemized Sworn Statement of Services and Fees with a narrative of time expended and services rendered.

SIGNED: _____

JUDGE PRESIDING