

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - PROBATE DIVISION**

Estate of
CHILD NAME,
A Minor,

Case No:

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN OF A MINOR

This cause coming to be heard on Petitioner's *Petition for Appointment of Guardianship of Minor*, Petitioner being present and represented by counsel, and the Court having heard the evidence and being fully advised on the premises, the Court finds as follows:

1. Petition was filed on DATE pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/11 by NAME ("Petitioner"), who resides in Cook County, Illinois.
2. The minor who is the subject of these proceedings is NAME ("the Minor"). The Minor was born on DATE and is under the age of 18.
3. Petitioner is the [sibling/family friend/etc] of the Minor.
4. Parents of the Minor have [consented to guardianship/have been found in default/are deceased.]
5. The Minor's Father has abandoned her within the meaning of 755 ILCS 5/11-5.5(a) in that he has provided no meaningful support for the Minor throughout her life, and has had substantially no involvement in the life of the Minor, having seen her only during her infancy, and having never provided parental support.
6. Mother is unable to provide a stable and caring living environment for the Minor.
7. Petitioner is a qualified and proper person to be appointed as guardian of the Minor:

- a. The Minor resides with and is under the primary care of Petitioner in _____ County, Illinois.
 - b. Petitioner currently provides all support for the Minor.
8. It is in the best interest of the Minor to continue to reside with and be cared for by Petitioner.
 9. It is not in the best interest of the Minor to return to her home country of COUNTRY due to her abandonment by Father and due to the unhealthy and dangerous environment she experienced while living in COUNTRY. No other appropriate caregiver for this Minor exists in COUNTRY.
 10. The Court has jurisdiction to enter an order regarding appointment of guardianship pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/11.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- A. That the Petitioner is appointed as the legal guardian of the Minor.
- B. That the **Minor's reunification with her father is not viable due to the Father's abandonment of the Minor**, as set forth in detail above;
- C. That **return to COUNTRY would not be in the best interest** of the Minor as set forth in more detail above;
- D. This matter is taken off call; and
- E. This Court expressly reserves jurisdiction of the subject matter of this cause and of the parties hereto for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Order.

Dated: _____

ENTERED:

Judge: _____