

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

Estate of:

FULL NAME,

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 and Motion for Special Findings*, 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, and has resided in Cook County, Illinois, for more than one year.
2. The Minor who is the subject of these proceedings is MINOR'S NAME, born on DATE. Child ("the Minor") is a minor in need of a guardian pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/11-5.5(e)(1), in that she is unmarried, under 21 years of age, and has consented to the appointment of a guardian.
3. Petitioner is the aunt of the Minor.
4. The parents of the Minor have [consented to guardianship/have been found in default/are deceased.]
5. The Minor's Mother has abandoned and neglected her within the meaning of 755 ILCS 5/11-5.5(a) in that, since YEAR, she has provided no meaningful financial and emotional support for the Minor, has not been involved in any of the Minor's care, and has not demonstrated any interest in or responsibility for the Minor's welfare.
6. The father is unable to provide a stable 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 Cook 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. The Minor is in need of an order of guardianship to allow PETITIONER NAME to continue to advocate for her to receive counseling and educational services, and provide her with the stability to continue to heal from the effects of her mother's abandonment and neglect.
9. It is not in the best interest of the Minor to return to her home country of COUNTRY, as doing so would place her at imminent risk of serious harm. No other appropriate caregiver for this Minor exists in HOME COUNTRY.
10. The Court has juvenile jurisdiction to enter an order appointing a guardian pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/11-5.5(e)(2).

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 mother is not viable due to the Mother's abandonment of the Minor, as set forth in detail above;
- C. That returning 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: _____