

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE GUARDIAN ADVOCATE OF

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**LETTERS OF CO-GUARDIAN ADVOCATES OF THE PERSON ONLY**

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
have been appointed Co-Guardian Advocates of the Person for \_\_\_\_\_,  
a person with a developmental disability who lacks the decision-making capacity to do some,  
but not all, of the tasks necessary to take care of his/her person; and

WHEREAS, the Co-Guardian Advocates have taken and filed the prescribed oath and  
performed all other acts prerequisite to the issuance of Letters of Co-Guardian Advocates of the  
Person;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned circuit judge, declare that  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are duly qualified  
under the laws of the State of Florida to act as Co-Guardian Advocates of the Person of  
\_\_\_\_\_ with full power to exercise the following powers and duties on  
behalf of the person with a developmental disability:

- ( ) to determine his or her residence;
- ( ) to consent to medical, dental, and surgical care and mental health treatment;
- ( ) to make decisions about the social environment or other social aspects of the  
person with a developmental disability's life including decisions concerning  
education;
- ( ) to act as representative payee of government benefits and to seek such  
benefits;

**Without first obtaining specific authority from the Court, as stated in section  
744.3725, Florida Statutes, the Co-Guardian Advocates may not:**

(a) commit the person to a facility, institution, or licensed service provider without  
formal placement proceedings, pursuant to Chapter 393, Florida Statutes, Chapter 394, or  
Chapter 397;

(b) consent to the participation of the person in any experimental biomedical or behavioral procedure or experiment;

(c) initiate a petition for dissolution of marriage for the person;

(d) consent to termination of the person's parental rights;

(e) consent to the performance of a sterilization or abortion procedure.

\_\_\_\_\_ (the person with a developmental disability)  
shall retain all legal rights except those which are specifically granted to the Co-Guardian Advocates pursuant to court order.

The Co-Guardian Advocates shall not exercise any authority over any health care surrogate appointed by any valid advance directive executed by the Ward under Chapter 765, Florida Statutes, until further order of this Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in chambers at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Judge