

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
_____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE GUARDIAN ADVOCATE OF

Case No.: _____

LETTERS OF GUARDIAN ADVOCATE OF THE PERSON ONLY

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHEREAS, _____ has been appointed Guardian Advocate 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 Guardian Advocate has taken and filed the prescribed oath and performed all other acts prerequisite to the issuance of Letters of Guardian Advocate of the Person;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned circuit judge, declare that _____ is duly qualified under the laws of the State of Florida to act as Guardian Advocate 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 Guardian Advocate 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 Guardian Advocate pursuant to court order.

The Guardian Advocate 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