

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF HENRY COUNTY, OHIO

\_\_\_\_\_ Juvenile Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Domestic Relations Division

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

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

\_\_\_\_\_ having moved for the appointment of a guardian ad litem (hereinafter referred to as "GAL"), and it appearing that the appointment of a GAL is essential to protect the interests of the minor child(ren), it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

**First:** \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed GAL for the minor children,

**Second:** Upon presentation of a copy of this order to any agency, hospital, physician, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist, nurse or other medical, dental or optical practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other mental health agencies, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, health departments, juvenile courts and juvenile probation departments, the GAL shall be permitted to inspect and copy any records relating to the child(ren)/parent and/or to confer with any and all professionals who may provide information relative to said minor child(ren)/parent with respect to issues pending before this Court without the consent of the child(ren) or parent(s).

**Third:** The GAL appointed to this case shall maintain any information received from any such source(s) as confidential, and will not disclose the same except to report to the Court or as the Court directs or law permits.

**Fourth:** The GAL shall strictly comply with Rule 48 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. In performance of his/her duties, the GAL shall interview each party to this proceeding, including children, separately. Such interviews shall be conducted alone, in private, and face-to-face at the GAL's office or at such other location as the GAL may direct. No other persons or parties may be present during the interviews.

**Fifth:** The GAL shall be given notice of and shall appear at all hearings or proceedings scheduled in this case and shall assure proper representation of the child(ren) at said hearings, unless excused or otherwise indicated by the Court.

**Sixth:** The GAL shall be notified of any hearings, reviews, investigations, depositions or other proceedings concerning the child(ren) and shall be entitled to attend the same.

**Seventh:** The GAL shall be notified prior to any change being made in the child(ren)'s residential placement and/or case plan by any party, except those actions taken to prevent immediate or threatened physical or emotional harm to the child(ren), as provided in ORC §2151.412, in which case the GAL shall be notified before the end of the next business day after the change is made.

**Eighth:** The GAL shall charge at the rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour for his/her services.

**Ninth:** The fees for the GAL shall be taxed as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge/Magistrate

**Certification:** A copy of this order was hand-delivered or mailed to counsel of the parties or to the parties without counsel and to the guardian ad litem this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.