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STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE __ (County and Court name) _____ COURT
CAUSE NO. _____

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:)
)
____ (child's name) _____,)
A Minor.)

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS
OF THE PERSON OF MINOR**

Comes now the Petitioner(s), ____ (your full name) _____, and respectfully petitions the Court to appoint Petitioner(s) as guardian(s) of _____ (child's name) _____, a minor child. In support of this request, Petitioner(s) would respectfully show the Court as follows:

1. ____ (child's name) _____ was born on _____, is _____ years old, and is incapacitated due to minority.
2. Petitioner(s) reside at _____ (your address) _____, and the telephone number of Petitioner(s) is _____.
3. The child has been in the physical custody and care of Petitioner(s) since _____ (date and circumstances) _____

4. Petitioner(s) is/are the child's __ (relationship) _____. Petitioner(s) has/have been supporting and caring for the child in the following ways: _____

5. A Child In Need Of Services petition and/or a program of informal adjustment HAS / HAS NOT (select one) been filed regarding the minor child.
6. Petitioner(s) ARE / ARE NOT (select one) aware of another guardian appointed for or acting as the custodian of the minor child.
7. The child has the following real and/or personal property: _____

8. As far as Petitioner(s) knows or can reasonably discover, the names and addresses of the persons most closely related by blood or marriage to the minor child are: _____
_____ (names and addresses of Mother and Father) _____

____ (names and addresses of other persons closely related by blood or marriage to child) ____

9. The appointment of a guardian is sought for the following reasons: _____
_____ (reasons Mother and Father not available to parent the child) _____

10. If appointed as guardian(s) of the child, Petitioner(s) can provide the following for the child: _____
____ (List what you can provide for child, ex. Health insurance, bed rooms, stable housing, etc) _____

11. The filing fee for this proceeding HAS / HAS NOT (select one) been paid.

12. Petitioner(s) requests that no bond be required of Petitioner(s) since the minor child has no assets.

13. Petitioner(s) HAVE / HAVE NOT (select one) been appointed guardians of any other person in this state.

Wherefore, Petitioner(s) respectfully requests to be appointed guardian(s) of

minor child ____ (child's name) ____ after notice and hearing. Petitioner(s) further requests that the Court find that the parental presumption has been rebutted by evidence of parental unfitness, abandonment of the child, and evidence of other factors, and that Petitioner's guardianship of the minor child ____ (child's name) ____ is in the child's best interests and presents a substantial and significant advantage to the minor child.

I/We solemnly swear or affirm, under penalty for perjury, that the foregoing facts and representations are true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Petitioner (printed)

Petitioner (printed)

Petitioner (signature)

Petitioner (signature)

Certificate of Service

I/We have sent a copy of this Petition to the following individuals:

____ (names and addresses of all parties and their attorneys to whom you mailed this Motion) ____

On the following date: ____ (date you sent this Motion to Parties) _____

By the following method: ____ (how you sent the Motion to Parties (e-service, mail, etc.)) _____

Petitioner (printed)

Petitioner (printed)

Petitioner (signature)

Petitioner (signature)