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STATE OF INDIANA	)	IN THE	COURT
COUNTY OF	) SS: )	CAUSE NO.	
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:	) ) )		
A Minor.	, ) )		

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

Comes now the Petitioner(s), \_\_\_\_\_, and respectfully petitions the Court to appoint Petitioner(s) as guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_\_, a minor child. In support of this request, Petitioner(s) would respectfully show the Court as follows: 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ was born on \_\_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_ years old, and is incapacitated due to minority. 2. Petitioner(s) reside at \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the telephone number of Petitioner(s) is \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The child has been in the physical custody and care of Petitioner(s) since 4. Petitioner(s) is/are the child's \_\_\_\_\_\_. 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 been filed regarding the minor child. 6. Petitioner(s) ARE / ARE NOT aware of another guardian appointed for or acting as the custodian of the minor child.

7. The minor 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:

9. The appointment of a guardian is sought for the following reasons:

10. If appointed as guardian(s) of the child, Petitioner(s) can provide the following for the child: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11. The filing fee for this proceeding HAS / HAS NOT 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 been appointed guardians of any other person in this state.

Wherefore, Petitioner(s) respectfully requests to be appointed guardian(s) of minor child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Name

Petitioner Name

Petitioner (signature)

Petitioner (signature)

## **Certificate of Service**

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

On the following date:

By the following method:

Petitioner Name

Petitioner Name

Petitioner (signature)

Petitioner (signature)