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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR MASON COUNTY

In Re the Guardianship of:

VIRGINIA LEE JACKSON,

An Alleged Incapacitated Person.

NO. 2174-00040-23

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND OTHER RELIEF

The State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services (Department), petitions the Court as follows:

1. RELIEF REQUESTED

The Department requests an order appointing a guardian ad litem for Virginia Lee Jackson (hereafter "Ms. Jackson") an alleged incapacitated person. The Department further requests an order waiving prepayment of the filing fee in this matter.

2. STATEMENT OF GROUNDS

Pursuant to RCW 11.88.010(1)(d), the Department has filed a petition seeking the appointment of a guardian of the person and estate of Ms. Jackson. A guardian ad litem is necessary to represent her best interests and to prepare a report to the Court as to her needs and circumstances as required by statute.

The Department has filed the petition because it believes that Ms. Jackson is in need of a guardian and that there is no other suitable entity or person able and willing to petition on her ///

| 1 | behalf. Pursuant to RCW 11.88.030(3)(b), the Court should waive prepayment of the filing fee |
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| 2 | and reserve the issue of payment of the fee until the final hearing on the petition. |
| 3 | 3. STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES |
| 4 | Should a guardian ad litem be appointed to represent the interest of an alleged |
| 5 | incapacitated person when a petition for appointment of a guardian has been filed? Should |
| 6 | prepayment of the filing fee be waived pending the hearing on the merits of the petition? |
| . 7 | 4. LEGAL AUTHORITY |
| 8 | RCW 11.88.030(3); RCW 11.88.090. |
| 9 | 5. EVIDENCE RELIED UPON |
| 10 | Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person and Estate; Declaration of |
| 11 | Alexandra Holgersen-Bjork. |
| 12 | DATED this 18th day of February, 2021. |
| 13 | ROBERT W. FERGUSON |
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