

No. \_\_\_\_\_

ESTATE OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
_____ ,	§	AT LAW NO. ____ OF
DECEASED	§	GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER APPOINTING ATTORNEY AD LITEM PURSUANT TO § 53(c)  
OF THE TEXAS PROBATE CODE**

On this day, the Court, pursuant to § 53(c) of the Texas Probate Code, finds it necessary to appoint an Attorney Ad Litem to represent the interest of unknown heirs in this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that \_\_\_\_\_, who is an Attorney licensed to practice before this Court, is appointed as Attorney Ad Litem to represent the interests of person(s) in this proceeding having a legal disability, or whose identity or whereabouts are unknown.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Attorney Ad Litem is to be considered an officer of this Court and is to be given access to all of the Decedent's personal, financial, or medical records. This Order is issued pursuant to 45 CFR 164.512(e)(1)(i) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act which authorizes covered entities to disclose protected health information in the course of any judicial or administrative proceeding when responding to an order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Attorney Ad Litem will receive a fee of **\$350.00** for services as the Attorney Ad Litem unless the Court has previously determined that additional time is required due to the circumstances of the particular matter. In such an event, the hourly rate shall be **\$85.00** for any fee to be paid by Gregg County, Texas, and **\$125.00** on all other matters, and the Attorney Ad Litem shall file an itemized Sworn Statement of Services and Fees with a narrative of time expended and services rendered.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

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JUDGE PRESIDING