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	<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF SPOKANE</b>	

In the Guardianship of: \_\_\_\_\_ ) Case No.: **21-4-01873-32**  
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 ) **DECLARATION OF GUARDIAN AD**  
 ) **LITEM IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO**  
 An Alleged Incapacitated Person (AIP) ) **EXCEED HOURS**  
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William C. Dodge, the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for the above-named person, declares as follows:

The initial order appointing me as GAL in this case set forth an hourly rate of \$60 with a maximum of fifteen hours. I understand the maximum hours shall not be exceeded without prior approval of the Court. In the course of my investigation, I have reached the limit of hours set in the initial order. However, there are certain specific issues, unique to this case, which have required additional time to complete my investigation in order to provide a thorough report and recommendation to the Court and serve the AIP's best interests. The issues are as follows:

WILLIAM C. DODGE hereby declares as follows:

1. I was appointed GAL for \_\_\_\_\_ on September 23, 2021.
2. The Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem included additional language not customary in such orders. The language provided authorization:

- a. to work with medical staff for non-invasive medical decisions and secure appropriate residential living arrangements outside of the hospital
  - b. to sign any and all documents related to long term care eligibility, discharge from the hospital, admission to a new residence or long-term care facility.
  - c. to determine and sign Medicaid eligibility documents
  - d. to provide Consent to DSHS to provide services, including but not limited to consent, acknowledgement of services and rights and responsibilities for DSHS or the VA, and,
  - e. to find an appropriate guardian of the person and/or estate.
3. Such additional requirements/authorization required conferences with DSHS caseworker (in person at SHMC) to arrange for a functional evaluation and a telephone conference call with DSHS Public Benefits Specialist for financial eligibility – both for Medicaid eligibility.
4. Such additional requirements/authorization involved contacting the benefits specialist at the local VA facility by phone call and an in person interview to coordinate VA requirements with the Medicaid application process.
5. Because no guardian was nominated, after contacting the AIP's three siblings by telephone and email and determining all were in agreement with a guardianship for their Brother and none felt they were qualified to serve as guardian, I had to research and contact a number of Certified Professional Guardians in Spokane to determine their interest, qualifications and availability to serve as CPG for the AIP. After responding to interest and interviewing, I was able to select a suitable and available CPG candidate.
6. Although noted as a County pay case, due to the lack of knowledge of the AIP's financial resources, I was able to determine suitable assets available to convert this from a County pay to private pay case. Draw down of the financial resources will be required to reduce the assets to the Medicaid eligibility level.
7. The original hearing date scheduled for December 2, 2021. In light of the AIP's condition which had improved and required a lower level of care, he was moved to long term stay ward which takes a much needed bed from others requiring higher level of care. After contacting the GMP to obtain a sooner hearing date and getting one, I had to draft a Motion, Declaration and Order to Shorten Time which will be presented at the new

hearing scheduled for November 4, 2021. Shortening time was agreed to by Petitioner.

8. The Petitioner has no objection to the Court's approval of additional hours in light of the issues addressed in this declaration.
9. This matter is expected to be uncontested.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

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William C. Dodge  
Guardian ad Litem for \_\_\_\_\_