## STATE OF UTAH SIXTH DISTRICT JUVENILE COURT

Counties of Garfield, Kane, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne

## STANDING ORDER

## ON APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN EMANCIPATION CASES

Effective September 1, 2022

Upon the filing of any petition for emancipation under the Utah Juvenile Code, Utah Code §80-7-104(2) states that "The juvenile court may appoint an attorney guardian ad litem in accordance with Section 78A-2-803 to represent the minor." Based on the complexity of emancipation cases and the consequences that accompany the granting or denial of an emancipation petition, the Court finds that the interests of minors seeking emancipation are best served when a guardian ad litem is appointed.

Therefore, the Court enters this standing order that authorizes the immediate appointment of a guardian ad litem in every emancipation case filed in the Sixth District Juvenile Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 24 day of Auc 2022.

BRODY L. KEISEL

Judge - Sixth District Juvenile Court