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**IN RE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD
LITEM AND LEGAL DEFENSE COUNSEL**

ANITA WRAY, CIRCUIT CLERK

BY Awray D.C.

AMENDED ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective October 1, 2022, Daniel S. Spivey be appointed as Guardian *Ad Litem* and legal defense counsel, pursuant to *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 43-21-119, -121, -123. and -201 (1972, as amended), to those matters originating in the Madison County Youth Court, due to, among other things, allegations of abuse, neglect, delinquency, or a child in need of supervision or special care, and to serve defendants and parties in Youth Court as well as other duties assigned to the guardian *al litem*s and legal defense counsel in such matters by this Court. Pursuant to *Miss. Code Ann.* § 43-21-201, all children shall be represented at all critical stages of youth court proceedings, including detention, adjudicatory and disposition hearings, and post-disposition matters.

In addition to all duties required by law, the Guardian *Ad Litem* shall have the duty to protect the interest of a child for whom he/she has been appointed. The Guardian *Ad Litem* shall investigate, make recommendations to the Court, or enter reports as necessary to hold paramount the child's best interest. The Guardian *Ad Litem* shall function as an arm of the court and not as an adversary party.

For such services, Daniel S. Spivey should receive the monthly sum of \$3,033.33, subject to income tax withholding, plus all county benefits, including health insurance and PERS retirement, to be paid as part of the Youth Services Budget out of the County General Fund as provided under *Miss. Code Ann.* § 43-21-123.

SO ORDERED, this the 12th day of October, 2022.

Staci B. O'Neal
County Court Judge, Post 1

Dorothy H. Hannon
County Court Judge, Post 2