IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

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 Plaintiff,

v. Case No.: \_\_-CA-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Division: C

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 Defendants.

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**ORDER GRANTING petition to approve**

**minor/incompetent person settlement**

THIS CASE came before the Court for hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ 201\_, on the Petition to Approve Settlement (insert actual name of document) filed on \_\_\_, 201\_\_ (“Petition”). Plaintiff/Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Petitioner”), counsel for Petitioner, \_\_, counsel for Defendant, \_\_, and the Guardian Ad Litem, \_\_\_, were present. In addition, the minor/incompetent person, \_\_ (insert initials), was present OR the presence of the minor/incompetent person, \_\_ (insert initials), was waived.

The Court has considered the Petition, together with the relevant portions of the court file; has reviewed the parties’ written submissions in support of and in response to the Petition and the Guardian Ad Litem’s report filed pursuant to *Fla. Probate R*. 5.636; has considered the sworn testimony of the Petitioner, the Petitioner’s counsel (as to attorneys’ fees and costs), and the Guardian Ad Litem; has heard arguments of counsel; and has considered the applicable statutory and case law, rules of procedure, and administrative orders. Based on the foregoing, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. The Petition is GRANTED.
2. Based on the testimony presented by or on behalf of the Petitioner, by counsel for Plaintiff, and by the Guardian Ad Litem, the Court finds
	1. the settlement that is the subject of the Petition is in the minor’s/incompetent person’s (insert initials);
	2. the attorneys’ fees and costs sought by Plaintiff’s counsel are fair and reasonable (if more than one counsel, break out by name of counsel); and
	3. the fees sought by the Guardian Ad Litem are fair and reasonable.
3. Counsel for Petitioner shall maintain documentation evidencing the proposed distribution (i.e., the closing statement) in counsel’s files for a period of seven years.

**DONE AND ORDERED**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

ELIZABETH G. RICE

Circuit Court Judge

*Conformed copies furnished to:*

 X Plaintiff/Counsel for Plaintiff

 X Defendant/Counsel for Defendant

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