

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

IN RE: _____, File No. _____
An Alleged Incapacitated Person

PRELIMINARY ORDER AWARDING CITATION

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, _____, to judicially determine petitioner's request for the appointment of a permanent guardian; **the following directives are hereby ORDERED AND DECREED:**

1. The Clerk of Orphans' Court shall issue a citation upon the above-captioned alleged incapacitated person to show cause why the above-captioned individual should not be adjudicated an incapacitated person, and a permanent plenary guardian of his / her person and his / her estate not be appointed.
2. An evidentiary hearing on the request for the permanent guardian shall be held as follows:

Northampton County, 669 Washington Street, Easton, Pennsylvania, 18042

On _____, _____, _____, COURT ROOM _____ @ _____ A.M.
Month day year

3. Relative to the request for a permanent guardian as provided in 20 Pa. C.S.A. Section 5511(a), the petitioner shall cause personal service upon the alleged incapacitated person with the following, **at least 20 days** before the evidentiary hearing.
 - (a) Petition for appointment of permanent guardian with attached notice.
 - (b) Notice of the time and place of the evidentiary hearing.
4. Notice shall be given of the Petition for appointment of a permanent guardian and the evidentiary hearing to all of the alleged incapacitated person's sui juris intestate heirs and to the persons or institution providing residential services to the alleged incapacitated person.
5. These notices shall be served at least 20 days before the evidentiary hearing and shall be served upon the next kin who are sui juris, **personally or by certified mail.**

BY THE COURT:



_____ J.