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**In the Matter of:**

**In the Matter of the Guardianship of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NJ Spirit Participant Number:

FC Docket Number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NJ Spirit Participant Number:

FC Docket Number:

**New Jersey Division of Child Protection  
and Permanency,**

Plaintiff,

\_\_\_\_\_  
NJ Spirit Participant Number:

Defendant,

\_\_\_\_\_  
NJ Spirit Participant Number:

Defendant,

\_\_\_\_\_  
NJ Spirit Participant Number:

Defendant,

\_\_\_\_\_  
NJ Spirit Participant Number:

Defendant,

\_\_\_\_\_  
NJ Spirit Participant Number:

Superior Court of New Jersey  
Chancery Division - Family Part  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ - Select County - \_\_\_\_\_

Docket Number: F - \_\_\_\_\_

NJ Spirit Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Civil Action  
Permanency Order**

This matter having been brought before the court on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (the division), and Deputy Attorney General \_\_\_\_\_, appearing, and in the presence of:

**Permanency Order**

Docket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  appearing /  not appearing,  
 notified /  not notified  
 complaint served /  complaint not served,  
 spoken language interpreter required  
language: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ represented by  
 appearing /  not appearing

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  appearing /  not appearing,  
 notified /  not notified  
 complaint served /  complaint not served,  
 spoken language interpreter required  
language: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ represented by  
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 spoken language interpreter required  
language: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ represented by  
 appearing /  not appearing

the child \_\_\_\_\_  appearing in person,  
 appearing by phone/video;  
 appearing in chambers;  
 not appearing,  
 participating;  not participating  
 spoken language interpreter required  
language: \_\_\_\_\_

If child did NOT appear/participate, provide reason:  
\_\_\_\_\_;

(Select One)

- The child submitted a letter in lieu of attending court.
- The Law Guardian contacted the child, and the child did not wish to attend or participate.
- The child is an infant/of tender age and the court is accepting that as a reason for the child not to attend.
- The child is non-verbal and/or unable to express their desires/wishes, and the court is accepting that as a reason for the child to not attend.
- The child is in a facility or hospital and is unable to participate in the proceeding.
- The Law Guardian's attempts to contact the child were unsuccessful.
- The child did not wish to attend due to school/work.

Law Guardian \_\_\_\_\_, represented by \_\_\_\_\_,  appearing /  not appearing

the child \_\_\_\_\_  appearing in person,  
 appearing by phone/video;  
 appearing in chambers;  
 not appearing,  
 participating;  not participating  
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Law Guardian \_\_\_\_\_, represented by \_\_\_\_\_,  appearing /  not appearing

Division \_\_\_\_\_  appearing /  not appearing

Caseworker/Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Division Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ ext.: \_\_\_\_\_

Court Appointed Special Advocate \_\_\_\_\_  appearing /  not appearing

Resource Family member [initials only] \_\_\_\_\_  kin (relatives or friends) /  non-kin  
 appearing /  not appearing

Resource Family member [initials only] \_\_\_\_\_  kin (relatives or friends) /  non-kin  
 appearing /  not appearing

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  appearing /  not appearing

The division's permanent plan for the child(ren) is  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The court, having reviewed the reports submitted by the division and having considered the parties' arguments, finds by a preponderance or large amount of the evidence that the division's permanent plan for the child(ren) is:

inappropriate and unacceptable to the court because:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

appropriate and acceptable.

Timeframe is \_\_\_\_\_ and is

inappropriate and unacceptable because  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

appropriate and acceptable.

**I. Risk/Safety**

- a. The conditions/circumstances leading to the removal of the child(ren)
  - have been /  are being corrected and it  is /  could soon be safe to return the child because:

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- b. It is not and will not be safe to return the child(ren) home in the foreseeable future because

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**II. Reasonable Efforts**

- a. The division  has /  has not thus far provided reasonable efforts to finalize the permanent plan, including reunification where appropriate,  including /  failing to include the following:

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- b. Reasonable efforts to reunify are not required pursuant to previous order of the court dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, for the following reasons,

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**III. Termination of Parental Rights**

- a. Termination of Parental Rights followed by adoption is an appropriate plan because:

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- b. This case is an exception to the requirement to file Termination of Parental Rights because:

- 1. Child is living with kin (relatives or friends).
- 2. The division has not provided the services to the family that are necessary to achieve reunification.
- 3. The following compelling reason exists in this case:

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**[If section III (b) above is checked, the following section IV must be completed.]**

**IV. Alternative Permanent Plan**

- a.  A residential treatment /  A specialized care program is appropriate because:

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The division's plan upon discharge from residential program is appropriate because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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b. An independent living program is appropriate because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. Custody with kin \_\_\_\_\_  
(relationship \_\_\_\_\_) is appropriate because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d. Kinship Legal Guardianship with \_\_\_\_\_  
(relationship \_\_\_\_\_) is appropriate because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

e. A short-term extension of present placement, followed by reunification with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is appropriate because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**And for the other reasons stated on the record on this date, it is on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, Ordered that:**

- 1. The child be continued in placement in accordance with the approved plan and the division is to implement the above permanency plan no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, if plan is not implemented by this date, a review is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_;
- 2. The child be continued in placement outside the home and the division shall file to terminate parental rights, the division shall file for kinship legal guardianship, or the division shall arrange to have the adoption complaint filed in accordance with the approved plan, no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, if not filed by this date, a review is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_;
- 3. The child be continued in placement and as the current plan is unacceptable, the division is to present a new permanent plan to the Court by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, and a permanency hearing to be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_;
- 4. All provisions of the FN Multipurpose Order/FG Multipurpose Order of this date attached hereto, outlining specific services are hereby incorporated by reference.

**It is Further Ordered that:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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All prior orders not vacated or changed by this order shall remain in full force and effect.

The division is responsible for providing reasonable efforts to reunify the child(ren) with their parent(s). The failure of a Defendant to comply with any provision of this order or their continuing failure to appear could result in the filing of a complaint by the division to terminate a Defendant's parental rights to the child(ren) named in this complaint. A termination of parental rights means the child(ren) could be adopted.

Attorneys must review the form of order prior to conclusion of the proceeding. Any changes to this order shall be made pursuant to R. 1:13-1.