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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #40
Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem(GAL)
for All ICWA/CFS Cases

The purpose of appointing a Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) is to protect the best interests of the child and to investigate facts and circumstances relating to the child, parents, guardian, custodian, siblings and extended family in cases involving the care and custody of minor children and other matters that implicate the interest or rights of children in the tribal court proceedings including, but not limited to, health, education and welfare of the child. At the present, there are no provisions in the Child and Family Ordinance requiring the appointment of a GAL in cases involving minor children. Therefore, unless or until a provision is adopted as part of the Child and Family Ordinance, the Tribal Court District Court Judge shall appoint a GAL in all cases where the care and custody of a minor child is involved.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15th day of June 2023

BY THE COURT:

Hon. Robert F. Mills, Acting Chief Justice
Mashpee Wampanoag Supreme Court