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BUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUVENILE COURT
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**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF THE BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE INTEREST OF:)
)
All Children Who Are Dependent)
Actions Filed and Pending in This Court)

STANDING ORDER FOR RELEASE OF COPIES OF JUVENILE COURT FILE

The Juvenile Code, Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia, allows for a Guardian Ad Litem or CASA Advocate to have access to all records and information relevant to a child's case to which he is appointed when such records and information are not otherwise protected from disclosure and to receive notice, pleadings, or other documents required to be provided to or served upon a party and states that the GAL or CASA shall be notified of all court hearings, judicial reviews, judicial citizen review panels, and other significant changes of circumstances of a child's case which he or she is appointed to the same extent and in the same manner as the parties to the case are notified of such matters. See O.C.G.A. § 15-11-105(d)(1); §15-11-105(e); and §15-11-106 (a)(2).

The Juvenile Code also provides that all records and information acquired or reviewed by the GAL or CASA during the course of his appointment shall be kept confidential and that any GAL or CASA who discloses confidential information in violation of law will be guilty of a misdemeanor. See O.C.G.A. §§ 15-11-105(f) and (g).

The Court recognizes that CASA needs access/copies to fulfill their statutory obligations and duties in advocating for the best interest of the child. The Court further recognizes that the Cherokee CASA program abides by acceptable record-keeping practices and policies and makes every effort to mitigate the potential for breaches of confidentiality. Case files are securely kept a minimum of seven

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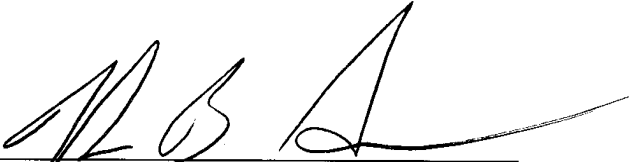
years from case closure or until the child turns 18, unless there is a court or statutory requirement otherwise. All case documents are thereafter destroyed.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall allow reasonable access to the court's file to the appointed CASA Advocate or CASA staff member, including the provision of copies to the appointed CASA Advocate or staff person.

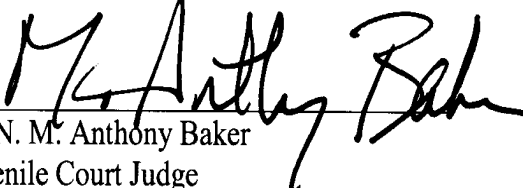
Further, it is hereby ordered that any copies of petitions, court orders, pleadings, or court reports disclosed pursuant to this Order shall be kept secured at the CASA office and not disseminated to an individual CASA Advocate's personal possession. Said copies will not be further disclosed by CASA to any parties, members of judicial citizen review panels, or others except as authorized by the court.

This Order supersedes the Memorandum entered on June 27, 2008, and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2 day of Feb, 2017.



HON. John B. Sumner
Juvenile Court Judge
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit



HON. M. Anthony Baker
Juvenile Court Judge
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit