

ACTION AT LAW
In the Fourth Circuit Court for Knox County, Tennessee

A Jesús Rafael Lacle:

Se ha presentado una **Petición para el Nombramiento de Tutela de Jesús David Lacle Rodríguez** ante el **Cuarto Tribunal de Circuito del Condado de Knox, Tennessee**, por **Marielbis Rodríguez Reyes**. En dicha Petición se declara que usted es el padre biológico de Jesús y que lo ha abandonado, ya que no ha tenido contacto con él ni le ha proporcionado ningún tipo de apoyo económico desde su nacimiento.

Por lo tanto, **se le ordena responder a esta Petición** comunicándose con **Michael Shao**, el abogado suscrito de Marielbis Rodríguez Reyes, **antes del 19 de enero de 2026**.

Si usted no responde antes del **19 de enero de 2026**, se dictará una **orden en rebeldía** en su contra. Dicha orden nombrará a **Marielbis Rodríguez Reyes** como tutora de Jesús. Además, se determinará que usted ha abandonado a Jesús y que **no es en su mejor interés regresar a Venezuela**.



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IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In re Jesus Lacle Reyes, and
Zahir Alvarez Rodriguez,
Minor children

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MIKE HAMMOND
FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT

Minors,

Marielbis Rodriguez Reyes,

Petitioner.

No. 164106

SWORN PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN

Marielbis Rodriguez Reyes (the "Petitioner"), by and through counsel and pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 34-2-101 *et seq.*, petitions this Court for an Order appointing her as the guardian of Jesus David Lacle Rodriguez and Zahir Rosario Alvarez Rodriguez (collectively, the "Minors"). If this Court grants the requested guardianship to protect the health and safety of the Minors, the Order will also be used for the secondary purpose of petitioning U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to grant the Minor Special Immigrant Juvenile status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(J). In support of this Petition, the Petitioner states as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. The Minor, Jesus David Lacle Rodriguez, was born on November 13, 2008, in Coro Falcon, Venezuela. As of the date of this Petition, the Minor is seventeen (17) years

old and is not married. The Minor's current residential and mailing address is 417 Bear Creek Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922.

2. The Minor, Zahir Rosario Alvarez Rodriguez, was born on September 4, 2017, in Coro Falcon, Venezuela. As of the date of this Petition, the Minor is eight (8) years old and is not married. The Minor's current residential and mailing address is 417 Bear Creek Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922.
3. The Petitioner, both the Minors' biological mother, was born on September 11, 1988, in Coro Falcon, Venezuela. As of the date of this Petition, the Petitioner is 37 years old. The Petitioner's current residential and mailing address is 417 Bear Creek Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922. The Petitioner is the proposed guardian for purposes of this Petition.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated sections 16-10-101 and 34-2-101.
5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 34-2-101.
6. The Petitioner, as a person with knowledge of the circumstances necessitating the appointment of a guardian, has standing to bring this Petition pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 34-2-102.

FACTS

7. The Minor, Jesus David Lacle Rodriguez, was born on November 13, 2008, in Coro Falcon, Venezuela.
8. The Minor, Zahir Rosario Alvarez Rodriguez, was born on September 4, 2017, in Coro Falcon, Venezuela.
9. The Minor, Jesus David Lacle Rodriguez's, birth certificate includes the names of both the Minor's biological parents, the Petitioner and Jesus Rafael Lacle. The Minor, Zahir Rosario Alvarez Rodriguez's, birth certificate includes the names of both the Minor's biological parents, the Petitioner and Jose Greogorio Alvarez Borges. Copies of the Minors' birth certificates and verified translations are attached as Exhibit A.
10. As young children, the Minors resided with the Petitioner in Coro Falcon, Venezuela.
11. Following the Minor, Jesus David Lacle Rodriguez's birth, he has had minimal contact with his biological father, Jesus Rafael Lacle. The Minor last saw his father 6 years ago. The Minor's father has not financially supported the Minor and the Minor has not had contact with him for the past 6 years. To the Petitioner's knowledge, the Minor's father still resides in Venezuela. The Minor's father has abandoned the child, resulting in no contact and no support from the father.
12. Nine years later, the other Minor, Zahir Rosario Alvarez Rodriguez, was born. The Minor's father, Jose Greogorio Alvarez Borges, is currently imprisoned in Venezuela for drug trafficking offenses. The father is dangerous, was abusive to Petitioner and her children, and has threatened the lives of the Petitioner and the

Minors. If the Minor and Petitioner were required to return to Venezuela, they would be in fear for their lives as the Minor's father has the ability to come and go from the prison whenever he wants.

13. The Petitioner and the Petitioner's immediate family have been the sole providers of the Minors. The Petitioner has not had any contact with or received any financial support from either of the Minors' biological fathers.
14. Venezuela is a country that has numerous complaints of human rights issues, arbitrary imprisonment and killings, cruel and torturous punishments, and government corruption. *See U.S. Dep't of State, Bureau of Democracy, H.R. and Lab., Venezuela 2022 Human Rights Report (2022).*
15. As a result, the Petitioner migrated to the United States, in September 2021, in search of better opportunities and because it was very difficult for the Petitioner to properly care for, provide for, and protect the Minors in Venezuela.
16. The Petitioner left the Minors in the custody of their maternal grandmother. While the Petitioner was in America, she would frequently speak to the Minors by phone and send money back to Venezuela to help support them.
17. In December 2024, the Minors left their home in Venezuela and migrated to the United States in search of safety and better opportunities and to be with their mother.
18. The Minors crossed the Mexican/American border on or around December 29, 2024, and surrendered to immigration officials. The Minors were held in a facility operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee

Resettlement, Division of Unaccompanied Children Operations until they were released to the Petitioner's custody on January 12, 2025.

19. Since arriving in Knoxville, the Petitioner has been the sole provider of the Minors.
20. In America, the Minors has access to better education, healthcare, opportunities.
21. The Petitioner has enrolled the Minors in school and ensured they attended classes appropriately. The Minors have adjusted very well to life in America.
22. Jesus David Lacle Rodriguez attends school at Bearden High School.
23. Zahir Rosario Alvarez Rodriguez attends school at A.L. Lotts Elementary School.
24. If the Minors were to return to Venezuela, they would lack a willing and able caregiver. Moreover, the dangerous conditions and high rate of violent crime would make it dangerous for the Minors to live there. As a result, it is not in the Minor's best interest to return to Venezuela.

RELEVANT LAW

25. Congress created the Special Immigrant Juvenile classification to provide immigration relief to undocumented children who have suffered abuse, neglect, or abandonment. *See In re Domingo C.L.*, No. M2016-02383-COA-R3-JV, 2017 WL 3769419, at *2 (Tenn. Ct. App. Aug. 30, 2017).
26. For a minor to obtain the Special Immigrant Juvenile classification, a state court must make factual findings about the abuse, neglect, or abandonment of the minor; the viability of the minor's reunification with family members in his country of origin; and the best interests of the minor. *Id.* at *3.

27. These factual findings are often made through guardianship proceedings. *Id.*

28. The Tennessee guardianship statute provides:

Subject to the court's determination of what is in the best interests of the minor, the court shall consider the following persons in the order listed for appointment of the guardian:

- (1) The parent or parents of the minor;
- (2) The person or persons designated by the parent or parents in a will or other written document;
- (3) Adult siblings of the minor;
- (4) Closest relative or relatives of the minor; and
- (5) Other person or persons.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 34-2-103.

29. The primary role of the court in a guardianship proceeding is to determine what is in the best interests of the minor. *In re Danely C.*, No. M2016-02054-COA-R3-JV, 2017 WL 5901022, at *6 (Tenn. Ct. App. Nov. 29, 2017). “[I]t is not the role of [the] court to consider the purpose or motivation of the minor applicant or a parent, matters of immigration policy, or whether the minor is a ‘worthy candidate’ for [Special Immigrant Juvenile] status.” *Id.* at *7.

THE PETITION

30. In consideration of the facts set forth above, and for the secondary purpose of requesting Special Immigrant Juvenile status pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(J) with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Minors need to be appointed

a guardian. This Court qualifies as a “juvenile court” as that term is defined in 8 C.F.R. § 204.11(a).

31. The Petitioner is the Minors’ biological mother and is the proposed guardian for purposes of this Petition.
32. The Minors are currently in the Petitioner’s custody pursuant to the Verification of Release provided by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Division of Unaccompanied Children Operations. The Verification of Release is attached as Exhibit B.
33. The Minors are unmarried and do not own any real or personal property.
34. The Minor, Jesus David Lacle Rodriguez’s biological father, is Jesus Rafael Lacle, currently residing in Venezuela.
35. The Minor, Zahir Rosario Alvarez Rodriguez’s biological father is Jose Greogorio Alvarez Borges, currently residing in Venezuela.
36. The Minors lack a willing and able caregiver in Venezuela. Moreover, the dangerous conditions and high rate of violent crime in Venezuela would make it dangerous for the Minors to live there. As a result, it is not in the Minor’s best interest to return to Venezuela.
37. The Minors live in a loving and stable home in the United States, where they have a good relationship with the Petitioner. The Minors have a strong network of family and friends and have access to better education, health care, and opportunities. As a result, it is in the Minors’ best interest to remain in the United States.

38. The Petitioner requests the following areas of protection and assistance be included in the Court's Order of Appointment: (1) all matters associated with the medical treatment of the Minors; (2) all matters associated with the education of the Minors; and (3) all matters associated with the housing, care, and custody of the Minors.

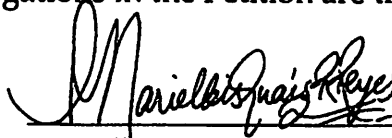
39. The Petitioner further requests that the following findings be made by the Court and included in the Court's Order of Appointment: (1) that the Minors are legally placed by this Court with the Petitioner, as guardian, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 34-1-101 *et seq.*; (2) that reunification of the Minors with their biological fathers is not viable by virtue of their abandonment of the Minors, as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-1-102(1)(A)(i); and (3) that it is not in the Minors' best interest to be returned to their parents' previous country of nationality and residence, Venezuela.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Petitioner respectfully requests:

- (a) That process issue as necessary upon the Minors
- (b) That this Court set a date and time for the hearing of this Petition;
- (c) That this Court grant the Petition and appoint the Petitioner as the guardian of the Minors with such power and authority as this Court deems appropriate;
and
- (d) That this Court grant any other relief to which the Petitioner may be entitled.

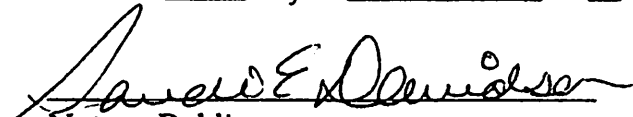
VERIFICATION

I, Marielbis Rodriguez Reyes, after being duly sworn in accordance with law, state that the foregoing Sworn Petition was translated to me in Spanish and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and factual allegations in the Petition are true and correct.



Marielbis Rodriguez Reyes

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me this 3 day of December 2025



Notary Public



My commission expires 5/19/29

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Shao', is written over a horizontal line.

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Exhibit A

**BIRTH CERTIFICATE TRANSLATION
CIVIL REGISTRY
VENEZUELA**

Name: JESUS DAVID LACLE RODRIGUEZ Sex: MALE
(First) (Middle) (Paternal/Maternal)

Date of Birth: 11 13 2008
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Place of Birth: COLONIA FALCON VENEZUELA
(Place) (State) (Country)

Father's Name: JESUS RAFAEL LACLE NATIONALITY: VENEZUELA

Mother's Name (Maiden): MARIELBIS ANAIS RODRIGUEZ REYES NATIONALITY: VENEZUELA

Date Birth was Registered: 12/09/2021

Date Certificate was issued: 10/14/2024


Place Issued: COLONIA FALCON VENEZUELA

Custodian of Record: JESUS ALEJANDRO

Certified Copy: YES

CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER:

I, NAELYNE ADAMES, swear that I am fluent in the Spanish and English languages: I am competent to translate from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English; I hereby certify that this translation is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge ability and belief.


NAELYNE ADAMES
Catholic Charities of East TN
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119 Dameron Ave
Knoxville TN 37917



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REPÚBLICA BOLIVARIANA DE VENEZUELA
CONSEJO NACIONAL ELECTORAL
COMISIÓN DE REGISTRO CIVIL Y ELECTORAL
OFICINA DE REGISTRO CIVIL MUNICIPAL COLINA
MUNICIPIO COLINA ESTADO FALCÓN

Copia Certificada

Hoy 14 de Octubre de 2024 en la Oficina o Unidad de Registro Civil Municipal de Colina suscrita por Abr. Jesús Alberto Mayo Lameda, C.I.V.-20.932.387 Registrador (según Gaceta Municipal número 183 de fecha 09 de Diciembre de 2021 de conformidad con establecido en el artículo 155 de la Ley Orgánica de Registro Civil, publicada en Gaceta Oficial República Bolivariana de Venezuela Número: 39.264, de fecha 15 de Septiembre de 2009; por que el contenido del presente documento es copia fiel y exacta de los datos asentados en el original que reposa en los archivos de este Registro Civil.

Firma del Registrador Civil
Sello de la Oficina o Unidad de Registro Civil



La Presente Certificación es copia fiel y exacta del libro de Nacimiento Acta N
Folio 517 y 40 Tomo I Año 2009
Correspondiente a Jesús David

En La Vela Parroquia La Vela Municipio Colina del Estado Falcón a los 14 días del mes
de Octubre del año 2024

Esta copia certificada tiene valor probatorio según lo establecido en el artículo 155 de la Ley Orgánica de Registro Civil y el artículo 118 del Reglamento N° 1 de la Ley Orgánica de Registro Civil

**BIRTH CERTIFICATE TRANSLATION
CIVIL REGISTRY
VENEZUELA**

Name: **ZAHIR** **ROSARIO** **ALVAREZ RODRIGUEZ** **Sex: FEMALE**
 (First) **(Middle)** **(Paternal/Maternal)**

Date of Birth: **09** **04** **2017**
 (Month) **(Day)** **(Year)**

Place of Birth: **COLONIA** **FALCON** **VENEZUELA**
 (Place) **(State)** **(Country)**

Father's Name: **JOSE GREOGORIO ALVAREZ BORGES** **NATIONALITY: VENEZUELA**

Mother's Name (Maiden): **MARIELBIS ANAIS RODRIGUEZ REYES** **NATIONALITY: VENEZUELA**

Date Birth was Registered: **12/09/2021**

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Place Issued: **COLONIA FALCON VENEZUELA**

Custodian of Record: **REBECA OMOMOTO**

Certified Copy: **YES**

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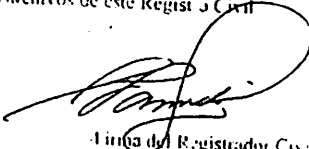
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La Presente Copia Certificada es copia fiel y exacta del libro de Nacimiento Acta N° 489
Folio 239 Folio 4to Tomo II Año 2017
Correspondiente a Zahir Rosano Alvarez Rodriguez
En la Unidad de Registro Civil La Vela Municipio Colina del Estado Falcón a los 14 días del mes
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RECORD OF BIRTHS

1. NAME OF CHILD: *JOSE GARCIA*

2. DATE OF BIRTH: *19/04/45*

3. TIME OF BIRTH: *10:00*

4. PLACE OF BIRTH: *San Juan de los Rios*

5. SEX: *M*

6. WEIGHT: *3.5*

7. LENGTH: *50*

8. HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: *34*

9. PREGNANT WOMAN'S NAME: *JOSEFA GARCIA*

10. PREGNANT WOMAN'S ADDRESS: *San Juan de los Rios*

11. PREGNANT WOMAN'S OCCUPATION: *Housewife*

12. PREGNANT WOMAN'S AGE: *25*

13. PREGNANT WOMAN'S MARITAL STATUS: *Married*

14. PREGNANT WOMAN'S EDUCATION: *Primary*

15. PREGNANT WOMAN'S RELIGION: *Catholic*

16. PREGNANT WOMAN'S RACE: *White*

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145. PREGNANT WOMAN'S EYES: *Brown*

146. PREGNANT WOMAN'S MOUTH: *Small*

147. PREGNANT WOMAN'S NOSE: *Small*

148. PREGNANT WOMAN'S EARS: *Small*

149. PREGNANT WOMAN'S TEETH: *Good*

150. PREGNANT WOMAN'S SKIN: *Good*

151. PREGNANT WOMAN'S BLOOD: *Good*

152. PREGNANT WOMAN'S URINE: *Good*

153. PREGNANT WOMAN'S STOOL: *Good*

154. PREGNANT WOMAN'S SLEEP: *Good*

155. PREGNANT WOMAN'S APPETITE: *Good*

156. PREGNANT WOMAN'S VITALS: *Good*

157. PREGNANT WOMAN'S GENERAL STATE: *Good*

158. PREGNANT WOMAN'S COMMENTS: *None*

159. PREGNANT WOMAN'S SIGNATURE: *JOSEFA GARCIA*

160. PREGNANT WOMAN'S ADDRESS: *San Juan de los Rios*

161. PREGNANT WOMAN'S OCCUPATION: *Housewife*

162. PREGNANT WOMAN'S AGE: *25*

163. PREGNANT WOMAN'S MARITAL STATUS: *Married*

164. PREGNANT WOMAN'S EDUCATION: *Primary*

165. PREGNANT WOMAN'S RELIGION

Exhibit B



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)
OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (ORR)
DIVISION OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN OPERATIONS (DUCO)
VERIFICATION OF RELEASE

VERIFICATION OF RELEASE

Name:	Jesus David Lacle Rodriguez	Aliases (if any):	Jesus Lacle Rodriguez
Date of Birth:	11/13/2008	A#:	221312087
Country of Birth:	Venezuela	Eye Color:	Brown
Primary Language:	Spanish		

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has released the above named minor from Federal custody pursuant to section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to the care of:



Name of Sponsor:	Marielbis Anais Rodriguez Reyes		
Address:	137 Desimone Dr		
City:	Maryville		
State:	TN	Zip Code:	37801
Primary Phone#:	6159280325		
Relationship to Child:	Mother		

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SPONSOR CARE AGREEMENT

The above-named sponsor has agreed to the provisions set forth in the Sponsor Care Agreement, pertaining to the minor's care, safety, and well-being, and the sponsor's responsibility for ensuring the minor's presence at all future proceedings before the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice/Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). In agreeing to these provisions, the sponsor holds authority to consent to medical and mental health care on behalf of the child.

ORR Care Provider Name:	National Youth Advocate Program - Las Vegas, NV
Discharge Date:	01/12/2025

THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BURDEN: The purpose of this information collection is to provide unaccompanied children and their sponsors with official documentation showing that ORR released the child into the sponsor's care and custody. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.17 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. This is a mandatory collection of information (Homeland Security Act, 6 U.S.C. 279). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0970-0552. If you have any comments on this collection of information please contact UCPolicy@acf.hhs.gov.



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VERIFICATION OF RELEASE

VERIFICATION OF RELEASE

Name:	Zahir Rosario Alvarez Rodriguez	Aliases (if any):	Zahir Alvarez Rodriguez
Date of Birth:	09/04/2017	A#:	221312088
Country of Birth:	Venezuela	Eye Color:	Hazel
Primary Language:	Spanish		

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ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

This matter came to be heard on the Sworn Petition filed by Marielbis Rodriguez Reyes (the “Petitioner”) for the appointment of a guardian for Jesus Lacle Reyes and Zahir Alvarez Rodriguez (collectively, the “Minors”). The Petitioner has requested that this Court enter an Order appointing the Petitioner as the guardian of the Minors. Based upon the statements of counsel, the pleadings filed in this case, and the record as a whole, the Court finds that the Petition is well-taken and should be granted.

In granting the petition, this Court makes the following findings:

- (1) pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 34-1-101 *et seq.*, this Court is authorized to make judicial determinations about the custody and care of juveniles;
- (2) the Minor, Jesus Lacle Reyes, was born in Coro Falcon, Venezuela, on November 13, 2008, and currently resides with the Petitioner in Knoxville, Tennessee;

- (3) the Minor Zahir Alvarez Rodriguez was born in Coro Falcon Venezuela on September 4, 2017, and currently resides with the Petitioner in Knoxville, Tennessee;
- (4) The Minor, Jesus Lacle Reyes's biological father, is Jesus Rafael Lacle, currently residing in Venezuela;
- (5) The Minor, Zahir Alvarez Rodriguez's biological father, is Jose Greogorio Alvarez Borges, currently residing in Venezuela;
- (6) the Minors' biological mother is the Petitioner, Marielbis Rodriguez Reyes, currently residing in Knoxville, Tennessee;
- (7) the Minors' are unmarried and do not own any real or personal property;
- (8) reunification of the Minor, Jesus Lacle Reyes, with his biological father, Jesus Rafael Lacle, is not viable because of the father's abandonment of the Minor as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-1-102(1)(A)(i), and as evidenced by the following:
 - (a) the Minor's biological father has not had any contact and has not provided any financial support to the Minor since he was 11 years old;
- (9) reunification of the Minor, Zahir Alvarez Rodriguez, with his biological father, Jose Greogorio Alvarez Borges, is not viable because of the father's abandonment of the Minor as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-1-102(1)(A)(i), and as evidenced by the following:

(a) the Minor has not had any contact with his father since arriving in the United States, and has never received any financial support from his biological father;

(b) moreover, the Minor's biological father has abused and physically threatened the Minor and his family;

(10) it is not in the Minors' best interest to be returned to their parents' country of origin, Venezuela, because they lacks a willing and capable caregiver there, and because of the high rate of violent crime directly affecting the Minors and their family members in Venezuela;

(11) it is in the Minors' best interest to remain in the United States; and

(7) it is in the Minors' best interest for the Petitioner to be appointed as their guardian pursuant to this Court's authority under Tennessee Code Annotated section 34-1-101 *et seq.*

Accordingly, by this Order, this Court legally commits to and places the Minors under the custody of the Petitioner, an individual who is appointed as the Minors' guardian for the following areas of protection and assistance: (1) all matters associated with the medical treatment of the Minors; (2) all matters associated with the education of the Minors; and (3) all matters associated with the housing, care, and custody of the Minors.

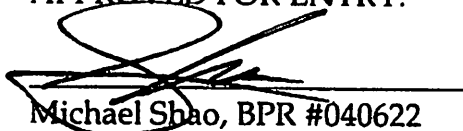
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Sworn Petition be **GRANTED** and that the Petitioner be appointed as the guardian of the Minors. The costs of this matter are

taxed to the Petitioner, in care of her undersigned counsel, for which execution may issue if necessary.

Entered this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Hon. Gregory S. McMillan

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