

**DN. : SUPERIOR COURT-JUVENILE MATTERS**  
**IN RE: name : AT HARTFORD**  
**: MAY 7, 2001**

**MOTION TO INTERVENE**

\_\_\_\_\_, the maternal grandmother of the minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby moves pursuant to Practice Book Sections 35a-4 and 35a-1, to intervene in the above-captioned neglect matter. In support of this motion, she represents the following:

1. She is the maternal grandmother of \_\_\_\_\_, and wishes to be his legal guardian.
2. \_\_\_\_\_'s parents, A and B, are incapable of caring for him. On date\_\_\_\_, the Hartford Probate Court ordered that their guardianship rights be removed, and transferred to C, the minor child's maternal uncle, and son of maternal grandmother . On January \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, C died, leaving the minor child without a guardian.
3. On January 2001, maternal grandmother, who has a pre-existing relationship with the minor child, came to Hartford from St. Croix, where she has lived all her life, to care for the minor child. Since that time, she has been his de facto custodian. No other relatives have offered to care for him. She wishes to care for him and return with him to St. Croix. To that end, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, she applied in Hartford Probate Court to be made his legal guardian.
4. On May ,2001, the minor child was hospitalized pursuant to a physician's emergency certificate due to an acute emotional crisis. The Department of Children and Families

(hereinafter, DCF) secured a 96-hour hold on or about the same date. Since that time, maternal grandmother has been in regular contact with the child, his health care providers, and DCF.

5. Upon information and belief, the minor child wishes to live with the maternal grandmother. She knows him, and is ready, willing and able to care for him. No other relatives are available or appear interested in participating in this case or in the child's care. It would, therefore, be in the child's best interests for her to be made a party to this matter.

6. The participation of maternal grandmother in this case will promote the interests of justice. DCF Policy Manual Sec. 36-60 states that, "[i]n considering foster care placement for a child, preference shall be given to placement with a relative or extended family." Further, federal law requires that Connecticut as part of its state plan for foster care and adoption assistance, "... shall consider giving preference to an adult relative over a non-related caregiver when determining a placement for a child, provided that the relative caregiver meets all relevant state child protection standards." 42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(19). Moreover, there are no other adult legal parties able to participate in or oppose the petitioner's actions.

Wherefore, the undersigned respectfully requests that this motion to intervene be granted.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ORDER**

The foregoing motion to intervene having been duly heard and considered, it is hereby  
ORDERED: GRANTED/DENIED as follows:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**DATE:**

**BY THE COURT,**

\_\_\_\_\_, **J.**

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that a true and attested copy of the forgoing was mailed postage prepaid to the following counsel of record on

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**COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**