EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 10

APPOINTMENT OF SURROGATE PARENT

In accordance with Nebraska Department of Education Rule 51 Section 009.06, each school district shall insure that the rights of a child with a disability are protected by the appointment of a surrogate. The following criteria will apply:

1. (a) no parent can be identified;
   (b) the school cannot, after reasonable efforts, discover the parent's whereabouts; or
   (c) the child is a ward of the state or court, providing the educational rights have not been awarded to the child's parent.

2. In order to qualify as a surrogate, the person must:
   (a) have no interest that conflicts with the interest of the child he/she represents.
   (b) have knowledge and skills that insure adequate representation of the child; and
   (c) not to be an employee of a public agency which is involved in the education or care of the child.

3. A surrogate parent may represent a child in all matters relating to identification, evaluation, educational placement, and provision of a free appropriate public education.

The _____ School District hereby appoints
District Name

_____ as a surrogate parent(s) for _____
Surrogate Name Child's Name

due to the reason stated in item a - b - c of paragraph one.

_____ _____
Signature of LEA Representative Date Date

_____ _____
Signature of Surrogate Parent Date