INSTRUCTIONS

PRINT YOUR NAME

PRINT THE NAME, HOME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF YOUR SURROGATE

PRINT THE NAME, HOME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF YOUR ALTERNATE SURROGATE

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Part One. Designation of Health Care Surrogate

Name: ____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

In the event that I have been determined to be incapacitated to provide informed consent for medical treatment and surgical and diagnostic procedures, I wish to designate as my surrogate for health care decisions:

Name: ____

Address:____

_____________________________________ Zip Code: ___________

Phone: ____

If my surrogate is unwilling or unable to perform his or her duties, I wish to designate as my alternate surrogate:

Name: ____

Address:____

_______________________________ Zip Code: ___________

Phone: ____

I fully understand that this designation will permit my designee to make health care decisions and to provide, withhold, or withdraw consent on my behalf; to apply for public benefits to defray the cost of health care; and to authorize my admission to or transfer from a health care facility.

When making health care decisions for me, my health care surrogate should think about what action would be consistent with past conversations we have had, my treatment preferences as expressed in Part Two (if I have filled out Part Two), my religious and other beliefs and values, and how I have handled medical and other important issues in the past. If what I would decide is still unclear, then my health care surrogate should make decisions for me that my health care surrogate believes are in my best interest, considering the benefits, burdens, and risks of my current circumstances and treatment options.

ADD OTHER INSTRUCTIONS, IF ANY, REGARDING YOUR ADVANCE CARE PLANS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN FURTHER ADDRESS YOUR HEALTH CARE PLANS, SUCH AS YOUR WISHES REGARDING HOSPICE TREATMENT, BUT CAN ALSO ADDRESS OTHER ADVANCE PLANNING ISSUES, SUCH AS YOUR BURIAL WISHES

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED

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Additional instructions (optional):

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Part Two. Declaration

PRINT THE DATE

Declaration made this __________ day of ___________________, _________,
(day) (month) (year)

PRINT YOUR NAME

I, ____,
willfully and voluntarily make known my desire that my dying not be artificially prolonged under the circumstances set forth below, and I do hereby declare that:

If at any time I am incapacitated and

(initial all that apply)

INITIAL EACH THAT APPLIES

_______ I have a terminal condition, or

_______ I have an end-stage condition, or

_______ I am in a persistent vegetative state

and if my attending or treating physician and another consulting physician have determined that there is no reasonable medical probability of my recovery from such condition, I direct that life-prolonging procedures be withheld or withdrawn when the application of such procedures would serve only to prolong artificially the process of dying, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to provide me with comfort care or to alleviate pain.

It is my intention that this declaration be honored by my family and physician as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and to accept the consequences for such refusal.

My failure to designate a health care surrogate in Part One shall not invalidate this declaration.

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ORGAN DONATION (OPTIONAL)

INITIAL ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR OPTIONS

ORGAN DONATION (OPTIONAL)

I hereby make this anatomical gift, if medically acceptable, to take effect on death. The words and marks below indicate my desires:

I give (initial one choice below):

______ any needed organs, tissues, or eyes for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, medical research, or education;

______ only the following organs, tissues, or eyes for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, medical research, or education:

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______ my body for anatomical study if needed. Limitations or special wishes, if any:

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IF YOU HAVE ALREADY ARRANGED TO DONATE YOUR ORGANS TO A SPECIFIC DONEE, INITIAL THIS OPTION, AND INDICATE THE DETAILS OF YOUR ARRANGEMENT HERE

______ I have already arranged to donate

______ Any needed organs, tissues, or eyes,

______ The following organs, tissues, or eyes:

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to the following donee:____________________________________

Phone:____

Address:____

_______________________________________ Zip Code:___________

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PRINT YOUR NAME

SIGN AND DATE THE DOCUMENT

TWO WITNESSES MUST SIGN AND PRINT THEIR ADDRESSES

OPTIONAL

PRINT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE WHO YOU WANT TO KEEP COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT

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Part Three. Execution

I, ____
understand the full impact of this declaration, and I am emotionally and mentally competent to make this declaration. I further affirm that this designation is not being made as a condition of treatment or admission to a health care facility.

Signed: ____

Date: ____

Witness 1:

Signed: ____

Address: ____

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Witness 2:

Signed: ____

Address: ____

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(Optional) I will notify and send a copy of this document to the following persons other than my surrogate, so they may know who my surrogate is:

Name: ____

Address: ____

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Name: ____

Address: ____

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