LIVING WILL (Sample)

I, ________________________________, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make this declaration to be followed if I become incompetent. This declaration reflects my firm and settled commitment to refuse life-sustaining treatment under the circumstances indicated below.

I direct my attending physician to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment that serves only to prolong the process of my dying, if I should be in a terminal condition or in a state of permanent unconsciousness.

I direct that treatment be limited to measures to keep me comfortable and to relieve pain, including any pain that might occur by withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining treatment.

In addition, if I am in the condition described above, I feel especially strong about the following forms of treatment:

I ☐ do ☐ do not want cardiac resuscitation.
I ☐ do ☐ do not want medical respiration.
I ☐ do ☐ do not want tube feeding or any other artificial or invasive form of nutrition (food) or hydration (water).
I ☐ do ☐ do not want blood or blood products.
I ☐ do ☐ do not want any form of surgery or invasive diagnostic tests.
I ☐ do ☐ do not want kidney dialysis.
I ☐ do ☐ do not want antibiotics.
I ☐ do ☐ do not want ________________________________.

Other Instructions:

I ☐ do ☐ do not want to designate another person as my surrogate to make medical treatment decisions for me if I should be incompetent and in a terminal condition or in a state of permanent unconsciousness.

Surrogate:
Name: ________________________________ Address: ________________________________

Substitute Surrogate (if the above is unable to serve):
Name: ________________________________ Address: ________________________________

I ☐ do ☐ do not want to make an anatomical gift of all or part of my body, subject to the following limitations, if any:

__________________________________________

I made this declaration on the ___________ day of __________________

Signature: ________________________________ Address: ________________________________

The declarant or the person on behalf of and at the direction of the declarant knowingly and voluntarily signed this writing by signature or mark in my presence.

__________________________________________ Witness Signature
                                   Witness Address
__________________________________________ Witness Signature
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I direct that treatment be limited to measures to keep me comfortable and to relieve pain, including any pain that might occur by withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining treatment.

In addition, if I am in the condition described above, I feel especially strong about the following forms of treatment:

I do not want cardiac resuscitation.
I do not want medical respiration.
I do not want tube feeding or any other artificial or invasive form of nutrition (food) or hydration (water).
I do not want blood or blood products.
I do not want any form of surgery or invasive diagnostic tests.
I do not want kidney dialysis.
I do not want antibiotics.
I do not want ________________________________.

Other Instructions:

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Surrogate:
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Substitute Surrogate (if the above is unable to serve):
Name: ________________________________ Address: ________________________________

I do not want to make an anatomical gift of all or part of my body, subject to the following limitations, if any:

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