MY FINAL WISHES

GUIDELINES TO HELP MY LOVED ONES THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME

SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE FIREFIGHTERS’ ASSOCIATION
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The loss of a loved one is never easy . . . .

This booklet has been created to assist my family through this difficult time.

In this packet, you will find:

- Personal Information Form
- Medical and Insurance Information
- Financial Information
- End of Life Instructions
- Funeral Arrangements Form
- Power of Attorney and Health Care Forms
Personal Information

Complete all relevant information about yourself, loved one, or other:

1. Name: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
   Given Name  Middle Name  Last Name

2. Date of Birth (DOB): __________ / __________ / __________
   Month  Day  Year

3. Address: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
   Street Name and Number  City  State  Zip

4. Home Telephone Number: (_____ ) _______ - __________________

5. Cell Phone Number: (_____ ) _______ - __________________

6. Social Security Number: _______ - _______ -

7. Medicare Number: ____________________________

8. Military ID Number: ____________________________

9. Driver’s License Number: ____________________________  Issuing State: ______

10. Emergency Contact Person: ____________________________
    Address: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
        Street Name and Number  City  State  Zip
        Home Telephone Number: (_____ ) _______ - __________________
        Cell Phone Number: (_____ ) _______ - __________________
        Work Phone Number: (_____ ) _______ - __________________
        Relationship: ____________________________

11. Doctor (Primary Care Physician): ____________________________
    Address: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
        Street Name and Number  City  State  Zip
        Office Telephone Number: (_____ ) _______ - __________________

12. Hospital Name: ____________________________
    Address: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
        Street Name and Number  City  State  Zip
        Telephone Number: (_____ ) _______ - __________________
13. Person with Medical Power of Attorney: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (______) _______ - ____________

   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (______) _______ - ____________

15. Person with Mental Health Power of Attorney: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (______) _______ - ____________

16. Personal Attorney’s Name: ____________________________
   Firm Name/Title: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (______) _______ - ____________

17. I have a pet(s) ____________________________ named ____________________________
   In case of an emergency, I would like ____________________________
   to care for my pet(s).
   Veterinarian’s Name: ____________________________
   Firm Name/Title: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (______) _______ - ____________

18. Family/Friends: (to notify in case of emergency)
   Name: ____________________________
   Relationship: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: ____________________________
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Medical and Personal Insurance Information

1. Name of Primary Insurance Carrier: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _______ Type of Policy: ____________
   Policy Number: ________________________ Agent’s Name: ____________

2. Medicare Supplement Insurance Carrier: ________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _______ Type of Policy: ____________
   Policy Number: ________________________ Agent’s Name: ____________

3. Long-Term Care Insurance Carrier: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _______ Type of Policy: ____________
   Policy Number: ________________________ Agent’s Name: ____________

4. Secondary Health Insurance Carrier: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _______ Type of Policy: ____________
   Policy Number: ________________________ Agent’s Name: ____________

5. Life Insurance Company #1: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________
   Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _______ Type of Policy: ____________
   Policy Number: ________________________ Face Value: $ ____________
   Agent’s Name: ________________________
6. Life Insurance Company #2: ____________________________
   Address: _______________________________________
   Street Name and Number   City   State   Zip
   Telephone Number: (____) ______ - _______ Type of Policy: _________
   Policy Number: ________________ Face Value: $____________
   Agent’s Name: __________________________________________

7. Burial Insurance Carrier: ________________________________
   Address: _______________________________________
   Street Name and Number   City   State   Zip
   Telephone Number: (____) _______ - _______
   Policy Number: ________________ Value of Policy: $____________
   Agent’s Name: __________________________________________

8. Auto Insurance Carrier: ________________________________
   Address: _______________________________________
   Street Name and Number   City   State   Zip
   Telephone Number: (____) _______ - _______
   Policy Number: ________________
   Agent’s Name: __________________________________________

9. Homeowners Insurance Carrier: _________________________
   Address: _______________________________________
   Street Name and Number   City   State   Zip
   Telephone Number: (____) _______ - _______
   Policy Number: ________________ Deductible: $__________
   Agent’s Name: __________________________________________
   (Circle One)     Paid With Mortgage or Paid Directly by Homeowner

10. Other Insurance: ________________________________
    Telephone Number: (____) _______ - _______ Policy Number: _________
Important Financial Contacts

Attorney:
Name: ____________________________________________
Name of Firm: ______________________________________
Address: __________________________________________

Telephone Number:  (___) ____ - _____ Fax Number: (___) ____ - ______

Accountant:
Name: ____________________________________________
Name of Firm: ______________________________________
Address: __________________________________________

Telephone Number:  (___) ____ - _____ Fax Number: (___) ____ - ______

Tax Preparer:
Name: ____________________________________________
Name of Firm: ______________________________________
Address: __________________________________________

Telephone Number:  (___) ____ - _____ Fax Number: (___) ____ - ______

Banker:
Name: ____________________________________________
Name of Firm: ______________________________________
Address: __________________________________________

Telephone Number:  (___) ____ - _____ Fax Number: (___) ____ - ______

Other:
Name: ____________________________________________
Name of Firm: ______________________________________
Address: __________________________________________

Telephone Number:  (___) ____ - _____ Fax Number: (___) ____ - ______
End of Life Instructions

This is a difficult time for my family; therefore I am making my final wishes known.

Name of Funeral Home: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Name of Contact: __________ Telephone Number: (___) ___ - _________

Pre-paid (circle): Yes No

If yes, where is the paperwork and receipt located: ____________________________________________________________

If no, is there a price beyond which you do not want your family to spend? __________

Do you want to be cremated? (Circle) Yes No

If yes, how do you want the remains handled? ____________________________________________________________

Would you like a funeral or memorial service? Where? ____________________________________________________________

Do you want an open casket viewing prior to cremation? Yes No

Name of Person to Officiate: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: (______) _______ - ______________________

Alternate Name of Person to Officiate: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: (______) _______ - ______________________
Music selections, Vocal, or Instrumentals to be Played: ____________________________________________________________________________

Poems, Spiritual Readings, Anecdotes to be Read or Told: ____________________________________________________________________________

Readers or Speakers: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Would you like the casket open for viewing? (Circle) Yes No

If Yes, for Whom? (Circle) Family only Everyone

Clothing and Jewelry Choices: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Would you like your wedding ring on? (Circle) Yes No

Would you like your glasses on? (Circle) Yes No

Have you prepaid for a funeral home? (Circle) Yes No

If yes, what has paid and where are the receipts? ________________________________________________________________________________
Memorial Information Questionnaire

Name of Cemetery: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Telephone Number: (___) ____ - _______

Do you already own a plot? (Circle)  Yes  No

If yes, what type of plot is it? ______________________________________________

Do you want a headstone or other memorial marker? (Circle)  Yes  No

If yes, what would you like the marker to say: __________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Have you already paid for this? (Circle)  Yes  No

Do you have any special instructions or thoughts about your memorial?

________________________________________________________________________

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SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT. BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE IMPORTANT FACTS:

1. THIS DOCUMENT GIVES THE PERSON YOU NAME AS YOUR AGENT THE POWER TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE DECISION FOR YOURSELF. THIS POWER INCLUDES THE POWER TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT. UNLESS YOU STATE OTHERWISE, YOUR AGENT WILL HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR HEALTH CARE AS YOU WOULD HAVE.

2. THIS POWER IS SUBJECT TO ANY LIMITATIONS OR STATEMENTS OF YOUR DESIRES THAT YOU INCLUDE IN THIS DOCUMENT. YOU MAY STATE IN THIS DOCUMENT ANY TREATMENT YOU DO NOT DESIRE OR TREATMENT YOU WANT TO BE SURE YOU RECEIVE. YOUR AGENT WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ON YOUR BEHALF. YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE TO COMPLETE THE STATEMENT.

3. AFTER YOU HAVE SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOURSELF IF YOU ARE MENTALLY COMPETENT TO DO SO. AFTER YOU HAVE SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT, NO TREATMENT MAY BE GIVEN TO YOU OR STOPPED OVER YOUR OBJECTION IF YOU ARE MENTALLY COMPETENT TO MAKE THAT DECISION.

4. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THIS DOCUMENT, AND TERMINATE YOUR AGENT'S AUTHORITY, BY INFORMING EITHER YOUR AGENT OR YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ORALLY OR IN WRITING.

5. IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN THIS DOCUMENT THAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, YOU SHOULD ASK A SOCIAL WORKER, LAWYER, OR OTHER PERSON TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.

6. THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE VALID UNLESS TWO PERSONS SIGN AS WITNESSES. EACH OF THESE PERSONS MUST EITHER WITNESS YOUR SIGNING OF THE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR WITNESS YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE SIGNATURE ON THE POWER OF ATTORNEY IS YOURS.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY NOT ACT AS WITNESSES:

A. YOUR SPOUSE, YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND OTHER LINEAL DESCENDANTS, YOUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND OTHER LINEAL ANCESTORS, YOUR SIBLINGS AND THEIR LINEAL DESCENDANTS; OR A SPOUSE OF ANY OF THESE PERSONS.

B. A PERSON WHO IS DIRECTLY FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR MEDICAL CARE.

C. A PERSON WHO IS NAMED IN YOUR WILL, OR, IF YOU HAVE NO WILL, WHO WOULD INHERIT YOUR PROPERTY BY INTESTATE SUCCESSION.
D. A BENEFICIARY OF A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY ON YOUR LIFE.

E. THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY AS YOUR AGENT OR SUCCESSOR AGENT.

F. YOUR PHYSICIAN OR AN EMPLOYEE OF YOUR PHYSICIAN.

G. ANY PERSON WHO WOULD HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST ANY PORTION OF YOUR ESTATE (PERSONS TO WHOM YOU OWE MONEY).

IF YOU ARE A PATIENT IN A HEALTH FACILITY, NO MORE THAN ONE WITNESS MAY BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THAT FACILITY.

7. YOUR AGENT MUST BE A PERSON WHO IS 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AND OF SOUND MIND. IT MAY NOT BE YOUR DOCTOR OR ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THAT IS NOW PROVIDING YOU WITH TREATMENT; OR AN EMPLOYEE OF YOUR DOCTOR OR PROVIDER; OR A SPOUSE OF THE DOCTOR, PROVIDER, OR EMPLOYEE; UNLESS THE PERSON IS A RELATIVE OF YOURS.

8. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE PERSON THAT YOU WANT HIM OR HER TO BE YOUR HEALTH CARE AGENT. YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THIS DOCUMENT WITH YOUR AGENT AND YOUR PHYSICIAN AND GIVE EACH A SIGNED COPY. IF YOU ARE IN A HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR A NURSING CARE FACILITY, A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN YOUR MEDICAL RECORD.
SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY

1. DESIGNATION OF HEALTH CARE AGENT

I, ________________________________________________, hereby appoint:

(Principal)

(Agent's Name) _____________________________________________________________

(Agent's Address) __________________________________________________________

Telephone: home: __________ work: __________ mobile: __________

as my agent to make health care decisions for me as authorized in this document.

Successor Agent: If an agent named by me dies, becomes legally disabled, resigns, refuses to act, becomes unavailable, or if an agent who is my spouse is divorced or separated from me, I name the following as successors to my agent, each to act alone and successively, in the order named:

a. First Alternate Agent:

Address: _________________________________________________________________

Telephone: home: __________ work: __________ mobile: __________

b. Second Alternate Agent:

Address: _________________________________________________________________

Telephone: home: __________ work: __________ mobile: __________

Unavailability of Agent(s): If at any relevant time the agent or successor agents named here are unable or unwilling to make decisions concerning my health care, and those decisions are to be made by a guardian, by the Probate Court, or by a surrogate pursuant to the Adult Health Care Consent Act, it is my intention that the guardian, Probate Court, or surrogate make those decisions in accordance with my directions as stated in this document.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURABILITY

By this document I intend to create a durable power of attorney effective upon, and only during, any period of mental incompetence, except as provided in Paragraph 3 below.

3. HIPAA AUTHORIZATION

When considering or making health care decisions for me, all individually identifiable health information and medical records shall be released without restriction to my health care agent(s) and/or my alternate health care agent(s) named above including, but not limited to, (i) diagnostic, treatment, other health care, and related insurance and financial records and information associated with any past, present, or future physical or mental health condition including, but not limited to, diagnosis or treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted disease(s), mental illness, and/or drug or alcohol abuse and (ii) any written opinion relating to my health that such health care agent(s) and/or alternate health care agent(s) may have requested. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this release authority applies to all health information and medical records governed by the Health Information Portability and
Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 42 USC 1320d and 45 CFR 160-164; is effective whether or not I am mentally competent; has no expiration date; and shall terminate only in the event that I revoke the authority in writing and deliver it to my health care provider.

4. AGENT'S POWERS

I grant to my agent full authority to make decisions for me regarding my health care. In exercising this authority, my agent shall follow my desires as stated in this document or otherwise expressed by me or known to my agent. In making any decision, my agent shall attempt to discuss the proposed decision with me to determine my desires if I am able to communicate in any way. If my agent cannot determine the choice I would want made, then my agent shall make a choice for me based upon what my agent believes to be in my best interests. My agent's authority to interpret my desires is intended to be as broad as possible, except for any limitations I may state below.

Accordingly, unless specifically limited by the provisions specified below, my agent is authorized as follows:

A. To consent, refuse, or withdraw consent to any and all types of medical care, treatment, surgical procedures, diagnostic procedures, medication, and the use of mechanical or other procedures that affect any bodily function, including, but not limited to, artificial respiration, nutritional support and hydration, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

B. To authorize, or refuse to authorize, any medication or procedure intended to relieve pain, even though such use may lead to physical damage, addiction, or hasten the moment of, but not intentionally cause, my death;

C. To authorize my admission to or discharge, even against medical advice, from any hospital, nursing care facility, or similar facility or service;

D. To take any other action necessary to making, documenting, and assuring implementation of decisions concerning my health care, including, but not limited to, granting any waiver or release from liability required by any hospital, physician, nursing care provider, or other health care provider; signing any documents relating to refusals of treatment or the leaving of a facility against medical advice, and pursuing any legal action in my name, and at the expense of my estate to force compliance with my wishes as determined by my agent, or to seek actual or punitive damages for the failure to comply.

E. The powers granted above do not include the following powers or are subject to the following rules or limitations:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

5. ORGAN DONATION (INITIAL ONLY ONE)

My agent may ____; may not ____ consent to the donation of all or any of my tissue or organs for purposes of transplantation.

6. EFFECT ON DECLARATION OF A DESIRE FOR A NATURAL DEATH (LIVING WILL)

I understand that if I have a valid Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death, the instructions contained in the Declaration will be given effect in any situation to which they are applicable. My agent will have authority to make decisions concerning my health care only in situations to which the Declaration does
not apply.

7. STATEMENT OF DESIRES CONCERNING LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT

With respect to any Life-Sustaining Treatment, I direct the following:

(INITIAL ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING 3 PARAGRAPHS)

(1) _____ GRANT OF DISCRETION TO AGENT. I do not want my life to be prolonged nor do I want life-sustaining treatment to be provided or continued if my agent believes the burdens of the treatment outweigh the expected benefits. I want my agent to consider the relief of suffering, my personal beliefs, the expense involved and the quality as well as the possible extension of my life in making decisions concerning life-sustaining treatment.

OR

(2) _____ DIRECTIVE TO WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW TREATMENT. I do not want my life to be prolonged and I do not want life-sustaining treatment:

a. if I have a condition that is incurable or irreversible and, without the administration of life-sustaining procedures, expected to result in death within a relatively short period of time; or
b. if I am in a state of permanent unconsciousness.

OR

(3) _____ DIRECTIVE FOR MAXIMUM TREATMENT. I want my life to be prolonged to the greatest extent possible, within the standards of accepted medical practice, without regard to my condition, the chances I have for recovery, or the cost of the procedures.

8. STATEMENT OF DESIRES REGARDING TUBE FEEDING

With respect to Nutrition and Hydration provided by means of a nasogastric tube or tube into the stomach, intestines, or veins, I wish to make clear that in situations where life-sustaining treatment is being withheld or withdrawn pursuant to Item 7, (INITIAL ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE PARAGRAPHS):

(a) _____ GRANT OF DISCRETION TO AGENT. I do not want my life to be prolonged by tube feeding if my agent believes the burdens of tube feeding outweigh the expected benefits. I want my agent to consider the relief of suffering, my personal beliefs, the expense involved, and the quality as well as the possible extension of my life in making this decision.

OR

(b) _____ DIRECTIVE TO WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW TUBE FEEDING. I do not want my life prolonged by tube feeding.

OR

(c) _____ DIRECTIVE FOR PROVISION OF TUBE FEEDING. I want tube feeding to be provided within the standards of accepted medical practice, without regard to my condition, the chances I have for recovery, or the cost of the procedure, and without regard to whether other forms of life-sustaining treatment are being withheld or withdrawn.

IF YOU DO NOT INITIAL ANY OF THE STATEMENTS IN ITEM 8, YOUR AGENT WILL NOT
9. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

A. I revoke any prior Health Care Power of Attorney and any provisions relating to health care of any other prior power of attorney.

B. This power of attorney is intended to be valid in any jurisdiction in which it is presented.

BY SIGNING HERE I INDICATE THAT I UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND THE EFFECT OF THIS GRANT OF POWERS TO MY AGENT.

I sign my name to this Health Care Power of Attorney on this _______________ day of __________________, 20 ____. My current home address is:

________________________________________________________________________
Principal's Signature:

________________________________________________________________________
Print Name of Principal:

I declare, on the basis of information and belief, that the person who signed or acknowledged this document (the principal) is personally known to me, that he/she signed or acknowledged this Health Care Power of Attorney in my presence, and that he/she appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud, or undue influence. I am not related to the principal by blood, marriage, or adoption, either as a spouse, a lineal ancestor, descendant of the parents of the principal, or spouse of any of them. I am not directly financially responsible for the principal's medical care. I am not entitled to any portion of the principal's estate upon his decease, whether under any will or as an heir by intestate succession, nor am I the beneficiary of an insurance policy on the principal's life, nor do I have a claim against the principal's estate as of this time. I am not the principal's attending physician, nor an employee of the attending physician. No more than one witness is an employee of a health facility in which the principal is a patient. I am not appointed as Health Care Agent or Successor Health Care Agent by this document.

Witness No. 1

Signature:____________________________________________________________________

Date:________________________________________________________________________

Print Name:___________________________________________________________________

Telephone:___________________________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________________________________

Witness No. 2

Signature:____________________________________________________________________

Date:________________________________________________________________________

Print Name:___________________________________________________________________

Telephone:___________________________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________________________________
(This portion of the document is optional and is not required to create a valid health care power of attorney.)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF __________________________________________

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by Principal on ____________________,

20 ________________.

Notary Public for South Carolina __________________________________________

My Commission Expires: __________________________________________
DNR INFORMATION FOR THE PATIENT, THE PATIENT'S FAMILY, THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND EMS PERSONNEL

1. **Responsibilities of the Patient or his/her Surrogate or Agent**
The patient and his/her surrogate or agent:

   Will make all care givers aware of the location of the EMS DNR Form and will ensure that the form is displayed in such a manner that it will be visible and available to EMS personnel.

   Understanding the consequences of refusing resuscitative measures.

   Are aware that if the form is altered in any manner resuscitative measures will be initiated.

   Understand that in all cases, supportive care will be provided to the patient.

2. **Responsibilities of the Health Care Provider (Physician)**
The patient's physician:

   Has determined that the patient has a terminal condition.

   Has completed the patient's EMS DNR Form.

   Has explained to the patient and family the consequences of withholding resuscitative care; the medical procedures that will be withheld and the palliative and supportive care that will be administered to the patient.

3. **Responsibilities of EMS Personnel**
EMS personnel:

   Will confirm the presence of the EMS DNR Form and the identity of the Patient.

   Upon finding an unaltered EMS DNR Form, will withhold or withdraw resuscitative measures such as CPR, endotracheal intubation or other advanced airway management, artificial ventilation, defibrillation, cardiac resuscitation medication and related procedures.

   Will provide palliative and supportive treatment such as suctioning the airway, administration of oxygen, control bleeding, provision of pain and non-cardiac medications, provide comfort care and provide emotional support for the patient and the patient's family.

   Will assure that the DNR Form accompanies the patient during transport.

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SOUTH CAROLINA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

RESUSCITATE

DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER

NOTICE TO EMS PERSONNEL
This notice is to inform all emergency medical personnel who may be called to render assistance to

(Name of Patient) that he/she has a terminal condition which has been diagnosed by me and has specifically requested that no resuscitative efforts including artificial stimulation of the cardiopulmonary system by electrical, mechanical, or manual means be made in the event of cardiopulmonary arrest.

REVOCATION PROCEDURE
THIS FORM MAY BE REVOKED BY AN ORAL STATEMENT BY THE PATIENT TO EMS PERSONNEL, OR BY MULTI-LATING, OBLITERATING, OR DESTROYING THE DOCUMENT IN ANY MANNER.

Date

Patient's Signature (or Surrogate or Agent)

Physician's Name (Please Print)

Physician's Signature

Physician's Address

Physician's Telephone Number

DHEC 3462 (12/2000) SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
DECLARATION OF A DESIRE FOR A NATURAL DEATH

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

I, _______________________________ (_____ / _____ / ______), Declarant, being at least eighteen years of age and a resident of and domiciled in the City of __________________________, County of _________________, State of South Carolina, make this Declaration this _____ day of ______________________, 20_____.

I willfully and voluntarily make known my desire that no life-sustaining procedures be used to prolong my dying if my condition is terminal or if I am in a state of permanent unconsciousness, and I declare:

If at any time I have a condition certified to be a terminal condition by two physicians who have personally examined me, one of whom is my attending physician, and the physicians have determined that my death could occur within a reasonably short period of time without the use of life-sustaining procedures or if the physicians certify that I am in a state of permanent unconsciousness and where the application of life-sustaining procedures would serve only to prolong the dying process, I direct that the procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedure necessary to provide me with comfort care.

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INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ARTIFICIAL NUTRITION AND HYDRATION

INITIAL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

If my condition is TERMINAL and could result in death within a reasonably short time,

___ I direct that nutrition and hydration BE PROVIDED through any medically indicated means, including medically or surgically implanted tubes.

OR

___ I direct that nutrition and hydration NOT BE PROVIDED through any medically indicated means, including medically or surgically implanted tubes.

INITIAL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

If I am in a PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE or other condition of permanent unconsciousness,

___ I direct that nutrition and hydration BE PROVIDED through any medically indicated means, including medically or surgically implanted tubes.

OR

___ I direct that nutrition and hydration NOT BE PROVIDED through any medically indicated means, including medically or surgically implanted tubes.

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In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of life-sustaining procedures, it is my intention that this Declaration be honored by my family and physicians and any health facility in which I may be a patient as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment, and I accept the consequences from the refusal.

I am aware that this Declaration authorizes a physician to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining procedures. I am emotionally and mentally competent to make this Declaration.

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APPOINTMENT OF AN AGENT (OPTIONAL)

1. You may give another person authority to REVOKE this declaration on your behalf. If you wish to do so, please enter that person's name in the space below.

Name of Agent with Power to Revoke: ______________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Telephone Number: __________________________________________________________

2. You may give another person authority to ENFORCE this declaration on your behalf. If you wish to do so, please enter that person's name in the space below.

Name of Agent with Power to Enforce Address: __________________________________
Telephone Number: __________________________________________________________

REVOCATION PROCEDURES

THIS DECLARATION MAY BE REVOKED BY ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS. HOWEVER, A REVOCATION IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL IT IS COMMUNICATED TO THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN:

(1) BY BEING DEFACED, TORN, OBLITERATED, OR OTHERWISE DESTROYED, IN EXPRESSION OF YOUR INTENT TO REVOKE, BY YOU OR BY SOME PERSON IN YOUR PRESENCE AND BY YOUR DIRECTION. REVOCATION BY DESTRUCTION OF ONE OR MORE OF MULTIPLE ORIGINAL DECLARATIONS REVOKES ALL OF THE ORIGINAL DECLARATIONS;

(2) BY A WRITTEN REVOCATION SIGNED AND DATED BY YOU EXPRESSING YOUR INTENT TO REVOKE;

(3) BY YOUR ORAL EXPRESSION OF YOUR INTENT TO REVOKE THE DECLARATION. AN ORAL REVOCATION TO THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN BY A PERSON OTHER THAN YOU IS EFFECTIVE ONLY IF:
   (A) THE PERSON WAS PRESENT WHEN THE ORAL REVOCATION WAS MADE;
   (B) THE REVOCATION WAS COMMUNICATED TO THE PHYSICIAN WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME;
   (C) YOUR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITION MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE PHYSICIAN TO CONFIRM THROUGH SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH YOU THAT THE REVOCATION HAS OCCURRED. TO BE EFFECTIVE AS A REVOCATION, THE ORAL EXPRESSION CLEARLY MUST INDICATE YOUR DESIRE THAT THE DECLARATION NOT BE GIVEN EFFECT OR THAT LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES BE ADMINISTERED;

(4) IF YOU, IN THE SPACE ABOVE, HAVE AUTHORIZED AN AGENT TO REVOKE THE DECLARATION, THE AGENT MAY REVOKE ORALLY OR BY A WRITTEN, SIGNED, AND DATED INSTRUMENT. AN AGENT MAY REVOKE ONLY IF YOU ARE INCOMPETENT TO DO SO. AN AGENT MAY REVOKE THE DECLARATION PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY;

(5) BY YOUR EXECUTING ANOTHER DECLARATION AT A LATER TIME.

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Signature of Declarant

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ____________________________ COUNTY OF ____________________________

We, ____________________________ and ____________________________, the undersigned witnesses to the foregoing Declaration, dated the _____ day of ____________, 20__, at least one of us being first duly sworn, declare to the undersigned authority, on the basis of our best information and belief, that the Declaration was on that date signed by the declarant as and for his DECLARATION OF A DESIRE FOR A NATURAL DEATH in our presence and we, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, subscribe our names as witnesses on that date. The declarant is personally known to us, and we believe him to be of sound mind. Each of us affirms that he is qualified as a witness* to this Declaration under the provisions of the South Carolina Death with Dignity Act in that he is not related to the declarant by blood, marriage, or adoption either as a spouse, lineal ancestor, descendant of the parents of the declarant, or spouse of any of them; nor directly financially responsible for the declarant's medical care; nor entitled to any portion of the declarant's estate upon his decease, whether under any will or as an heir by intestate succession; nor the beneficiary of a life insurance policy of the declarant; nor the declarant's attending physician; nor an employee of the attending physician; nor a person who has a claim against the declarant's decedent's estate as of this time. No more than one of us is an employee of a health facility in which the declarant is a patient. If the declarant is a resident in a hospital or nursing care facility at the date of execution of this Declaration, at least one of us is an ombudsman designated by the State Ombudsman, Office of the Governor.

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Witness  Witness*

Subscribed before me by ____________________________, the declarant, and subscribed and sworn to before me by ____________________________, the witness(es),
this _____ day of ____________, 20__.

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Signature of Notary Public
(SEAL)

Notary Public for ____________________________

My commission expires: ________________

*If qualified as a witness, the Notary Public may serve as a witness.  SC Code of Laws Sec. 44-77-10 (Rev. 6/91)