Living Will

This Living Will has been prepared to conform to the law in the State of New York, and is intended to be “clear and convincing” evidence of my wishes regarding the health care decisions I have indicated below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, being of sound mind, make this statement as a directive to be followed if I become unable to participate in decisions regarding my medical care. These instructions reflect my firm and settled commitment to regarding health care under the circumstances indicated below:

**Life-Sustaining Treatments:**

I direct that my health care providers and others involved in my care provide, withhold, or withdraw treatment in accordance with the choice I have marked below: (**Initial only one box**)

[\_\_\_] (a) **Choice NOT To Prolong Life**

I do not want my life to be prolonged if I should be in an incurable or irreversible mental or physical condition with no reasonable expectation of recovery, including but not limited to: (a) a terminal condition; (b) a permanently unconscious condition; or (c) a minimally conscious condition in which I am permanently unable to make decisions or express my wishes. While I understand that I am not legally required to be specific about future treatments if I am in the condition(s) described above I feel especially strongly about the following forms of treatment:

[\_\_\_] I do not want cardiac resuscitation.

[\_\_\_] I do not want mechanical respiration.

[\_\_\_] I do not want artificial nutrition and hydration.

[\_\_\_] I do not want antibiotics.

**OR**

[\_\_\_] (b) **Choice To Prolong Life**

I want my life to be prolonged as long as possible within the limits of generally accepted health care standards.

**Relief from Pain:**

Except as I state in the following space, I direct that treatment for alleviation of pain or discomfort should be provided at all times even if it hastens my death:

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**Optional: Other Wishes:**

(If you do not agree with any of the optional choices above and wish to write your own, or if you wish to add to the instructions you have given above, you may do so here.) I direct that:

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**Optional: Organ Donation:**

Upon my death: (**initial only one applicable box**)

[\_\_\_] (a) I do not give any of my organs, tissues, or parts and do not want my agent,
 guardian, or family to make a donation on my behalf;

 **OR**

[\_\_\_] (b) I give any needed organs, tissues, or parts;

 **OR**

[\_\_\_] (c) I give the following organs, tissues, or parts only:

My gift, if I have made one, is for the following purposes:

(strike any of the following you do not want)

(1) Transplant (2) Therapy

(3) Research (4) Education

**Execution:**

These directions express my legal right to refuse treatment; under the law of New York. I intend my instructions to be carried out, unless I have rescinded them in writing or by clearly indicating that I have changed my mind.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the person who signed this document appeared to execute the living will willingly and free from duress. He or she signed (or asked another to sign for him or her) this document in my presence.

**Witness 1 Witness 2**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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