#### ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE Including Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions California Probate Code Section 4600-4805

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH CARE AGENT

I,		, hereby appoint as my agent	to make health care
( <i>Print your full name and c</i> decisions for me:	late of birth)		
Name			
	(agent's	name)	
Address	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	(street aaaress, d	city, state, zip code)	
Home Phone ()	Work Phone ()		
Cell Phone ()	Fax ()	email	
FIRST ALTERNATE AGEN	Г:		
Name			
	(agent's	name)	
Address		city, state, zip code)	
	(street duaress, (	liy, sidle, Lip (ode)	
Home Phone ( )	W	Vork Phone ()	
Cell Phone ()	Fax ()	email	
SECOND ALTERNATE AGE	ENT:		
Name			
	(agent's	name)	
Address			
	(street address, o	city, state, zip code)	
Home Phone ()	W	ork Phone <u>()</u>	
Cell Phone ()	Fax _()	email	
2. AUTHORITY OF A	AGENT		

If my primary physician finds that I cannot make my own health care decisions, I grant my agent full power and authority to make those decisions for me, subject to any health care instructions set forth below. My agent will have the right to:

- A. Consent, refuse consent, or withdraw consent to any medical care or services, such as tests, drugs, surgery, or consultations for any physical or mental condition. This includes the provision, withholding or withdrawal of artificial nutrition and hydration (feeding by tube or vein) and all other forms of health care, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- B. Choose or reject my physician, other health care professionals or health care facilities.
- C. Receive and consent to the release of medical information.
- D. Donate organs or tissues, authorize an autopsy and dispose of my body, unless I have said something different in a contract with a funeral home, in my will, or by some other written method.

I understand that, by law, my agent may not consent to committing me to or placing me in a mental health treatment facility, or to convulsive treatment, psychosurgery, sterilization or abortion.

I want my agent's authority to make health care decisions for me to start now, **even though I am still able to make them for myself.** I understand and authorize this statement as proved by my

signature\_\_\_\_\_

### **3. PRIOR DIRECTIVES REVOKED**

I revoke any prior Power of Attorney for Health Care or Natural Death Act Declaration.

### 4. COPIES

My agent and others may use copies of this document as though they were originals.

# 5. HEALTH CARE INSTRUCTIONS

The statement I have signed below is to apply if I am suffering from a terminal condition from which death is expected in a matter of months, or if I am suffering from an irreversible condition that renders me unable to make decisions for myself, and life support treatments are needed to keep me alive.

A. I request that all treatments other than those needed to keep me comfortable be discontinued or withheld and my physician(s) allows me to die as gently as possible. I understand and authorize this statement as proved by my

signature \_\_\_\_\_

OR

B. I want my life to be prolonged as long as possible within the limits of generally accepted health care standards. I understand and authorize this statement as proved by my

signature \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL:** Other or additional statements of medical treatment desires and limitations:

I have added \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) of specific health care instructions to this directive, each of which is signed and dated on the same day I signed this directive.

## 6. ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

I wish to be an organ donor. I understand and authorize this statement as proved by my

signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you **do not** wish to be an organ donor, please check this box:  $\Box$ 

Other or additional statements of organ and tissue donation desires and limitations.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, make this anatomical gift to take effect upon my death:

#### I give

- $\Box$  my body
- □ any needed organ (e.g., kidneys, liver, heart, lungs, pancreas, spleen), tissue (corneas, heart valves, skin, bone) or parts
- □ only the following organs, tissues, or parts: \_\_\_\_\_

#### to

 $\Box$  the regional organ procurement agency or eye or tissue bank for transplantation or other therapy  $\Box$  the following university, hospital, storage bank, or other medical institution:

#### for

- □ transplantation or treatment of any person who can medically benefit
- $\square$  medical education
- $\square$  medical research
- $\hfill\square$  any purpose authorized by law

I understand and authorize this statement as proved by my

signature \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. DATE AND SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

I sign my name to and acknowledge this Advance Heath Care Directive:

(signature of principal)

(date of birth)

(date of signing)

# 8. CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY NOTARY PUBLIC

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA	)
	) ss.
COUNTY OF	)

On \_\_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacities, and that by their signatures on the instrument the persons, or the entity upon behalf of which the persons acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

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