Rhode Island Declaration

Rights of the Terminally Ill Act

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make known my desire that my dying shall not be artificially prolonged under the circumstances set forth below, do hereby declare:

If I should have an incurable or irreversible condition that will cause my death and if I am unable to make decisions regarding my medical treatment, I direct my attending physician to withhold or withdraw procedures that merely prolong the dying process and are not necessary to my comfort, or to alleviate pain.

This authorization includes [ ]

does not include [ ]

the withholding or withdrawal of artificial feeding (check only one box above).

In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such life-sustaining treatment, it is my intention that this declaration shall be honored by my family and physician(s) as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and to accept the consequences of such refusal.

I understand the full import of this declaration and I am emotionally and mentally competent to make this decision.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Declarant

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The declarant is personally known to me and voluntarily signed this document in my presence. I am not related to the Declarant by blood or marriage.

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