

DIRECTIONS TO CONDUCT FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT EMBALMING

1. **PARTIES:**

"FUNERAL HOME": _____

(Name of Funeral Home)

"REPRESENTATIVE": _____

(Use Reverse Side
for Additional Names)

(Name of Representative)

"DECEDENT": _____

(Name of Decedent)

2. **RELATIONSHIP OF REPRESENTATIVE:** The REPRESENTATIVE warrants and represents to the FUNERAL HOME that the relationship between the REPRESENTATIVE and the DECEDENT is as follows: (Check the appropriate box)

- Spouse
- Next-of-Kin (Closest Living Relative)
- Personal Representative of the Next-of-Kin with written authorization of Next-of-Kin to act on his or her behalf.
- Other: _____

3. **AUTHORITY OF REPRESENTATIVE:** The REPRESENTATIVE warrants and represents to FUNERAL HOME that the REPRESENTATIVE is the person or the appointed agent of the person who by law has the paramount right to arrange and direct the disposition of the remains of the DECEDENT and that no other person(s) has a superior right over the right of the REPRESENTATIVE.

4. **DIRECTIONS TO WITHHOLD EMBALMING:** The REPRESENTATIVE directs the FUNERAL HOME not to embalm the body of the DECEDENT. The FUNERAL HOME is authorized by the REPRESENTATIVE to wash, disinfect and cosmetize the body of the DECEDENT, set the features, refrigerate the body, and take other appropriate measures that will allow the body to be present during the funeral services selected by the REPRESENTATIVE.

5. **FUNERAL SERVICES:** Although the REPRESENTATIVE has directed that the remains of the DECEDENT are not to be embalmed, the REPRESENTATIVE is opting to have one or more of the following funeral ceremonies and/or services (initial all that are applicable):

- _____ Private Viewing of the Body
- _____ Public Visitation with Open Casket
- _____ Public Visitation with Closed Casket
- _____ Private Funeral Service
- _____ Public Funeral Service with Open Casket
- _____ Public Funeral Service with Closed Casket
- _____ Other: _____

6. **ADVISORY:** The FUNERAL HOME has advised the REPRESENTATIVE that embalming is the most effective way to temporarily preserve a body that will be present and/or viewed during funeral services. The REPRESENTATIVE has directed in Section 4 that the remains of the DECEDENT are not to be embalmed. The FUNERAL HOME is willing to carry out the REPRESENTATIVE's wishes to have the funeral services selected above without embalming as long as the REPRESENTATIVE is aware of the risks and agrees to assume those risks. Those risks include, but are not limited to, the possibility of discoloration in the appearance of the DECEDENT, odors, and leakage. These risks and others have been explained to the REPRESENTATIVE and the REPRESENTATIVE fully assumes all such risks.

7. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The REPRESENTATIVE agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the FUNERAL HOME from any claims or causes of action arising or related in any respect to this direction to withhold embalming of the body of the DECEDENT or the FUNERAL HOME's reliance thereon.

DATE:

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE:

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Name

Relationship to Decedent

Signature
