Missouri Advance Health Care Directive

On this date of _____ , I, _____ , do hereby sign, execute, and adopt the following as my Advance Health Care Directive. I direct any and all persons or entities involved with my health care in any manner that these decisions are my wishes and were adopted without duress or force and of my own free will.

I have placed my initials next to the sections of this Directive that I have adopted:

[ ] Living Will Declaration
[ ] Selection of Health Care Agent (Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care)
[ ] Designation of Primary Physician
[ ] Organ Donation

Living Will Declaration

I have the primary right to make my own decisions concerning treatment that might unduly prolong the dying process. By this declaration I express to my physician, family, and friends my intent. If I should have a terminal condition it is my desire that my dying not be prolonged by administration of death-prolonging procedures. If my condition is terminal and I am unable to participate in decisions regarding my medical treatment, I direct my attending physician to withhold or withdraw medical procedures that merely prolong the dying process and are not necessary to my comfort or to alleviate pain. It is not my intent to authorize affirmative or deliberate acts or omissions to shorten my life, rather, only to permit the natural process of dying.

Selection of Health Care Agent (Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care)

I hereby designate _____ (name), of _____ (address), as my attorney-in-fact.

This is a durable power of attorney and the authority of my attorney-in-fact shall not terminate if I become disabled or incapacitated.

This power of attorney becomes effective upon certification by two (2) licensed physicians that I am incapacitated and can no longer make my own medical decisions. The powers and duties of my attorney-in-fact shall cease upon certification that I am no longer incapacitated. This determination of incapacity shall be periodically reviewed by my attending physician and my attorney-in-fact. I authorize my attorney-in-fact to make any and all health care decisions for me, including decisions to withhold or withdraw any form of life support.

I expressly authorize my attorney-in-fact to make all decisions regarding artificially-supplied nutrition and hydration in all medical circumstances.

Designation of Primary Physician

I designate the following physician as my primary physician: _____ (name)
_____ (address)
_____(phone).

OPTIONAL- DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATE PRIMARY PHYSICIAN: If the physician I have designated above is not willing, able, or reasonably available to act as my primary physician, I designate the following physician as my primary physician:
_____ (name)
_____ (address)
_____(phone).

Organ Donation

In the event of my death, I have placed my initials next to the following part(s) of my body that I wish donated for the purposes **that I have initialed below:**

[ ] any organs or parts **OR**

[ ] eyes	[ ] bone and connective tissue	[ ] skin
[ ] heart	[ ] kidney(s)	[ ] liver
[ ] lung(s)	[ ] pancreas	[ ] other _____

for the purposes of:

[ ] any purpose authorized by law **OR**

[ ] transplantation	[ ] research	[ ] therapy
[ ] medical education	[ ] other limitations _____	

Signature

I sign this Advance Health Care Directive, consisting of the following sections, **which I have initialed below and have elected to adopt:**

[ ] Living Will Declaration
[ ] Selection of Health Care Agent (Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care)
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BY SIGNING HERE I INDICATE THAT I UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THIS DOCUMENT.

Signature _____ Date _____

City, County, and State of Residence _____

Notary Acknowledgment

State of _____
County of _____

On _____ , _____ came before me personally and, under oath, stated that he or she is the person described in the above document and he or she signed the above document in my presence. I declare under penalty of perjury that the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud, or undue influence.

_____
Notary Public
My commission expires _____

Witness Acknowledgment

The declarant is personally known to me and I believe him or her to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud, or undue influence. I did not sign the declarant's signature above for or at the direction of the declarant and I am not appointed as the health care agent or attorney-in-fact herein. I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and I am not related to the declarant by blood, adoption, or marriage, entitled to any portion of the estate of the declarant according to the laws of intestate succession or under any will of declarant or codicil thereto, or directly financially responsible for declarant's medical care. I am not a health care provider of the declarant or an employee of the health facility in which the declarant is a patient.

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Witness _____

Second Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Second Witness _____

Acceptance of Health Care Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Health Care

I accept my appointment as Health Care Agent and Attorney-in-fact for Health Care:

Signature _____ Date _____