

**DECLARATION CONCERNING
LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES
("Living will")**

Declaration made this ____ day of _____, 20__.

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 and do hereby declare:

If at any time I should have an incurable injury, disease or illness, or be in a continual profound comatose state with no reasonable chance of recovery, certified to be a terminal and irreversible condition by two physicians who have personally examined me, one of whom shall be my attending physician, and the physicians have determined that my death will occur whether or not life-sustaining procedures are utilized and where the application of life-sustaining procedures would serve only to prolong artificially the dying process, I direct that such procedures be withheld or withdrawn and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to provide me with comfort care. I understand that, unless otherwise noted below, the term "life-sustaining procedures" may include surgery, mechanical ventilation (respirator), heart-lung resuscitation (CPR), blood/blood products, and/or invasive means of supplying me with nutrition and/or water, such as a feeding tube or intravenous nutrition.

Special Directions regarding life-sustaining procedures and/or organ donation:

In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such life-sustaining procedures, 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 from such refusal.

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

Name

City, Parish and State of residence

Date of birth: _____

The declarant has been personally known to me and I believe him/her to be of sound mind.

WITNESSES:
