

# CLAIM OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT A DISPOSITION

## 1. PARTIES:

"FUNERAL HOME": \_\_\_\_\_

"REPRESENTATIVE": \_\_\_\_\_

"DECEDENT": \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. RELATIONSHIP OF REPRESENTATIVE:

Below is the list of priority for determining who holds the right to arrange the funeral and disposition. The REPRESENTATIVE warrants and represents to the FUNERAL HOME that the relationship between the REPRESENTATIVE and the DECEDENT is as follows: (Place your initials on the line next to the applicable statement):

\_\_\_\_\_ The spouse of the DECEDENT at the time of death.

\_\_\_\_\_ An adult child of the DECEDENT.

\_\_\_\_\_ Either parent of the DECEDENT.

\_\_\_\_\_ An adult sibling of the DECEDENT.

\_\_\_\_\_ A grandparent of the DECEDENT.

\_\_\_\_\_ A stepchild of the DECEDENT.

\_\_\_\_\_ The DECEDENT'S guardian at the time of death.

\_\_\_\_\_ Any relative or friend of the DECEDENT.

## 3. AUTHORITY OF REPRESENTATIVE:

After examining the priority list in Section 2 above, the REPRESENTATIVE warrants and represents to the FUNERAL HOME as follows: (Place your initials on the line next to the applicable statement):

\_\_\_\_\_ The REPRESENTATIVE is the person who has the paramount right to arrange and direct the disposition of the remains of the DECEDENT and no other person(s) has a superior or equal right to that of the REPRESENTATIVE.

\_\_\_\_\_ The REPRESENTATIVE is the person who, together with other person(s) holds the paramount right to arrange and direct the disposition of the remains of the DECEDENT. REPRESENTATIVE hereby certifies to the FUNERAL HOME that such other person(s) either have been advised of the disposition plans and have not objected to them, or such other person(s) cannot be located by REPRESENTATIVE after a reasonable effort to locate them.

\_\_\_\_\_ The REPRESENTATIVE has been appointed by the person holding the right of disposition to act on his or her behalf in arranging the disposition of DECEDENT'S remains.

\_\_\_\_\_ The REPRESENTATIVE is aware of other person(s) who hold a superior right to arrange and direct the disposition of the remains of the DECEDENT. REPRESENTATIVE hereby certifies to the FUNERAL HOME that such other person(s) cannot be located by the REPRESENTATIVE after a reasonable effort to locate such person(s) or that such person(s) have been located and have failed to exercise their rights. The REPRESENTATIVE further certifies that the REPRESENTATIVE has no reason to believe such person(s) would oppose the proposed method of disposition of DECEDENT'S remains.

**4. CONSENT:**

As the REPRESENTATIVE, I consent to the funeral and disposition arrangements for the DECEDENT that are set out in the attached Statement of Funeral Goods and Services selected.

**5. INDEMNIFICATION:**

The REPRESENTATIVE acknowledges that the FUNERAL HOME is relying upon the accuracy and truthfulness of the representations and warranties of REPRESENTATIVES made above. 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 claim of authority to carry out the disposition or the FUNERAL HOME's reliance thereon.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Funeral Home Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Funeral Home Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date