

## CLAIM OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT DISPOSITION

1. **PARTIES:**

“FUNERAL HOME”:  
(Name of Funeral Home)

“REPRESENTATIVE”:  
(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 the FUNERAL HOME that: [CHECK ONE BOX BELOW]

- The REPRESENTATIVE is the person who has the paramount right to arrange and direct the disposition of the remains of 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 diligent effort to locate them.
- There is a person or persons with a superior right to arrange and direct the disposition of the remains of the DECEDENT. However the REPRESENTATIVE hereby certifies to the FUNERAL HOME that such other person(s) cannot be located by REPRESENTATIVE after a diligent effort to locate them and REPRESENTATIVE believes such person(s) have no objection to the planned disposition of DECEDENT'S remains.
- The person who has received written authorization of the legal next-of-kin to act on his or her behalf in arranging the disposition of DECEDENT'S remains.

4. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The REPRESENTATIVE acknowledges that the FUNERAL HOME is relying upon the accuracy and truthfulness of the representations and warranties of REPRESENTATIVE 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.

**DATE:**

**SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE**

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