

ILLINOIS LIVING WILL DECLARATION

This declaration is made \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make known my desires that my moment of death shall not be artificially postponed.

If at any time I should have an incurable and irreversible injury, disease, or illness judged to be a terminal condition by my attending physician who has personally examined me and has determined that my death is imminent except for death delaying procedures, I direct that such procedures which would only prolong the dying process be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication, sustenance, or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary by my attending physician to provide me with comfort care.

Pursuant to Section 3(e) of the Illinois Living Will Act (the "Act"), for purposes of this declaration I modify the definition under Section 2(d) of the Act of the term "death delaying procedure" to include artificial nutrition and hydration, and I specifically direct that artificial nutrition and hydration be withheld or withdrawn under the circumstances described above, even if the withdrawal or withholding of artificial nutrition and hydration would result in death solely from dehydration or starvation, rather than the existing terminal condition. It is my intent that this declaration, as modified, shall override all limitations regarding the withdrawal or withholding of artificial nutrition and hydration that are expressed or implied in the Act or any other law.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial that you wish to include the paragraph above)

In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such death delaying procedures, it is my intention that this declaration shall be honored by my family and physician as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and accept the consequences from such refusal.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

The declarant is personally known to me and I believe him or her to be of sound mind. I saw the declarant sign the declaration in my presence (or the declarant acknowledged in my presence that he or she had signed the declaration) and I signed the declaration as a witness in the presence of the declarant. I did not sign the declarant's signature above for or at the direction of the declarant. At the date of this instrument, I am not entitled to any portion of the estate of the declarant according to the laws of intestate succession or, to the best of my knowledge and belief, under any will of declarant or other instrument taking effect at declarant's death, or directly financially responsible for declarant's medical care.

WITNESSES

_____ Printed Name	_____ Printed Name
_____ Signature	_____ Signature
_____ Address	_____ Address