

## LIFE PROLONGING PROCEDURES DECLARATION

Declaration made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month, year). I, \_\_\_\_\_, being at least eighteen (18) years of age and of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make known my desire that if at any time I have an incurable injury, disease, or illness determined to be a terminal condition I request the use of life prolonging procedures that would extend my life. This includes appropriate nutrition and hydration, the administration of medication, and the performance of all other medical procedures necessary to extend my life, to provide comfort care, or to alleviate pain.

In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of life prolonging procedures, it is my intention that this declaration be honored by my family and physician as the final expression of my legal right to request medical or surgical treatment and accept the consequences of the request. I understand the full import of this declaration.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, County, and State of Residence

The declarant has been personally known to me, and I believe (him/her) to be of sound mind. I am competent and at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*Reference: IC 16-36-4-11 As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.19.*

### **Revocation of living will declaration or life prolonging procedures will declaration**

(a) A living will declaration or a life prolonging procedures will declaration may be revoked at any time by the declarant by any of the following:

(1) A signed, dated writing.

(2) Physical cancellation or destruction of the declaration by the declarant or another in the declarant's presence and at the declarant's direction.

(3) An oral expression of intent to revoke.

(b) A revocation is effective when communicated to the attending physician.

(c) No civil or criminal liability is imposed upon a person for failure to act upon a revocation unless the person had actual knowledge of the revocation.

(d) The revocation of a life prolonging procedures will declaration is not evidence that the declarant desires to have life prolonging procedures withheld or withdrawn.

*Reference: IC 16-36-4-12 As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.19.*