# **CREMATION AUTHORIZATION**

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AUTHORIZATION  I (We),the undersigned (the "Authorizing Agent(s)"), hereby request and authorize (name of funeral home)(hereinafter referred to as "Funeral Home") to take possession of and make
arrangements for the cremation of the decedent named below (the "Decedent") in accordance with and subject to the provisions set forth in this document, at MACERA CREMATORY (hereinafter referred to as the "Crematory") and in accordance with and subject to their rules and regulations, and subject to any applicable state or local laws or regulations.
Name of DeceasedSex:
Address: Date of Death
PACEMAKERS, DEFIBRILLATORS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC IMPLANTS Electronic devices or implants in the decedent may create a hazardous condition when placed in a cremation chamber. All electronic implants must be removed prior to cremation.
I/WE Certify that the remains of the deceased Initial DO Initial DO NOT contain any type of implanted Mechanical or radioactive device
The following list contains all existing devices implanted in or attached to the decedent that should be removed prior to cremation and Funeral Establishment has been authorized to remove the devices:
Devices:
Statutory definition pursuant to Health and Safety Code 7054.7(b): The human body burns with the casket, container, or other material in the cremation chamber. Some bone fragments are not combustible at the incineration temperature and, as a result, remain in the cremation chamber. During the cremation, the contents of the chamber may be moved to facilitate incineration. The chamber is composed of ceramic or other material, which disintegrates slightly during each cremation, and the product of that disintegration is commingled with the cremated remains. Nearly all of the contents of the cremation chamber, consisting of the cremated remains, disintegrated chamber material, and small amount of residue from previous cremations, are removed together and crushed, pulverized, or ground to facilitate inurnment or scattering. Some residue remains in the cracks and uneven places of the chamber. Periodically, the accumulation of this residue is removed and interred in a dedicated cemetery property, or scattered at sea.
WITNESSED CREMATIONS  The crematory permits witness cremations by appointment only. It is assumed that the Authorizing Agent does not request a witness cremation of the herein named decedent. If a witness cremation is desired, the Authorizing Agent will arrange scheduling and participants through the Funeral Establishment.
I/We desire to identify the remains before cremation   Initial Yes   Initial No   I/We desire to witness the cremation process   Initial Yes   Initial No   No
CREMATORY  The undersigned authorizes the Funeral Establishment and Crematory to perform the cremation process at an alternate crematory should the Crematory be unable to cremate the decedent in a timely manner because of cremator repairs, malfunctions, weight limitations, backlog or other exigent circumstances.
CREMATION CONTAINERS  The Crematory and state law requires a durable container for the cremation. All cremation containers must be combustible, leak resistant and closed. The Crematory is authorized to remove and dispose of handles, ornaments, and any other noncombustible items attached to the cremation container prior to cremation.
CREMATION CONTAINER / CREMATED REMAINS CONTAINER PROVDED

**Description of Cremation Container** 

**Description of Cremated Remains Container** 

### **CREMATED REMAINS CONTAINERS**

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated cremated remains container. The Crematory will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the cremated remains container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment. In the event the cremated remains container selected is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate cremated remains container, which will secured to the primary cremated remains container unless the Authorizing Agent has requested splitting of the cremated remains for multiple dispositions. Adult cremated remains containers should have a minimum volume of 200 cubic inches.

### DISCLOSURES, WARRANTIES, AND PERMISSIONS

By signing or electronically agreeing to this document, I(We) certify, understand and acknowledge the following:

That the deceased person named above has not given other specific directions concerning the disposal of his/her remains

That I(we) are the majority of the right holders of the Decedent; or otherwise have charge of the remains of the Decedent and possess full legal authority and power, according to the laws of the state to execute this authorization form and arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the Decedent;

That I(we) are not aware of legal objection to this cremation by any spouse, child, parent or sibling;

That incidental or inadvertent commingling of the cremated remains may occur, including the incidental commingling of the cremated remains resulting from the processing of the remains, and the disposal or recycling (with other residuals) by the Crematory of metal or other non human material recovered to which may be affixed bone particles;

That if I(we) wish to remove and/or retain any items from the remains, I(we) must do so directly or by designated representative prior to the cremation process;

That the cremation process may destroy dental gold, silver, jewelry, or mementos, and to that extent (a) understand that dental gold and silver, jewelry and mementos to the extent it may be identified may be returned to the cremated remains container and (b) understand that dental gold and silver, jewelry and mementos that cannot be identified may not be returned to the cremated remains container and hereby direct the crematory to dispose of unidentified dental gold and silver, mementos and jewelry in a lawful manner which may include recycling of surgical metal.

## **INDEMNITY**

I(We) declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing certifications, representations, and statements are true and correct, and that this statement is being made to induce the Funeral Establishment and Crematory to cremate (or cause to be cremated) the remains of the Decedent named above. (Health and Safety Codes 7110 and 7111) I agree to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the above named Funeral Establishment and Crematory as well as their representatives, directors, officers, agents, employees, shareholders, from and against all claims, liabilities, or damages whatsoever which may result from this authorization and order including the failure to properly identify the remains, failure to take possession or make the proper arrangements for the final disposition of cremated remains, the processing of remains, shipping of remains, any explodable implant, infectious diseases, other persons claiming rights to control disposition of the remains, or any other cause. No warranties, express or implied are made and damages shall be limited to the amount of the cremation fee paid.

### RIGHT TO CONTROL DISPOSITION

The right to control disposition of the remains of the deceased person vests upon the following in the order named:

- 1. The decedent by provisions in a Will or by a prearranged clear and funded contract with a funeral establishment.
- 2. The attorney in fact (agent) of a California Power of Attorney for Health Care.
- 3. The competent surviving spouse or California Secretary of State registered domestic partner.
- 4. A majority of the surviving competent adult children of the decedent.
- 5. The surviving competent parents of the decedent.
- 6. A majority of the surviving competent adult brothers and sisters of the decedent.
- 7. A majority of the competent adult persons in the next degree of kindred.

## SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S)

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

By executing this cremation authorization form, as Authorizing Agent(s), the undersigned warrants that all representations and statements contained on this document are true and correct, that these statements were made to induce the above named Funeral Establishment and Crematory to cremate the human remains of the Decedent, and that the undersigned have read and understand the provisions contained on all three pages of this document.

Executed at	, this day of	, 20
Name	Signature	
Relationship:		
Address:		
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