



DECEDENT/BODY DISPOSITION (RELEASE) AFFIDAVIT

Mortuary Service Name: _____

Decedent Name: _____

Claimant Name: _____

Claimant Relationship to Decedent: _____

Claimant Address: _____

Claimant Phone Number: _____

As Claimant, I attest to have the authority to control the disposition of the Decedent’s remains. I am (make section):

____The Decedent named me, the Claimant, to control the disposition of their remains in a will or other supplement document, which is attached to this Affidavit, **OR**

____I am the Decedent’s next-of-kin, the (circle one): Spouse, Child, Parent, Nearest Other Relative, OR Other Interested Party if no family member(s) can be located.

Further, as the Claimant, I attest that:

- I have the approval of the majority of the Decedent’s children, if any, or that you have made reasonable efforts to notify all of the Decedent’s children of you arranging the disposition of the Decedent’s bodily remains.
- I am not aware of any person who objects to my arranging the disposition of the Decedent’s body.
- I am not aware of any written instruction by the Decedent, or any contract for funeral services by the Decedent, that give control of the disposition of the Decedent’s remains to any other person.
- I understand the provisions of the California Health and Safety Code Section 7100 and agree to comply with them.
- I understand that an autopsy may or may not have been performed and, that if said autopsy was performed, tissues and organs may have been retained.
- I understand that if I act as the funeral director/funeral home, all documents needed for the disposition of the remains, be it by burial or cremation, are my sole responsibility.
- If I am acting as the funeral director/funeral home, I understand the following:
 - The Decedent may or may not have received an autopsy and the Decedent has not been embalmed.
 - The body has been kept in refrigeration; however, changes related to the natural breakdown of tissues may have occurred to the body’s physical composition which will alter the body’s appearance.
 - I am receiving a body which has not been prepared for viewing, and may be unsettling.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the statements herein are true and correct.

Claimant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY FUNERAL HOME/MORTUARY SERVICE ONLY

Contact and Phone Number: _____

Transfer the Death Certificate in EDRS/FDRS to: _____

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