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### **Identification of Remains of the Decedent**

1. **Parties:**  
 "FUNERAL HOME": Thibadeau Mortuary Service, P.A.  
 "REPRESENTATIVE": \_\_\_\_\_  
 "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)  
 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 the REPRESENTATIVE is the person or the appointed agent of the person who by law has the paramount right to arrange and direct the disposition of the remains of the DECEDENT and that no other person(s) has a superior right over the right of the REPRESENTATIVE.
  
4. **Identification:** The REPRESENTATIVE certifies to the FUNERAL HOME as follows: (check the appropriate)  
 The REPRESENTATIVE has viewed the remains and positively identified them as the body of the DECEDENT.  
 The REPRESENTATIVE elects not to identify the remains and authorizes the final disposition of the body of the DECEDENT by the FUNERAL HOME without positive identification.  
 The REPRESENTATIVE has authorized the FUNERAL HOME to photograph the remains and the REPRESENTATIVE has positively identified the photograph as that of the DECEDENT.
  
5. **Indemnification:** The REPRESENTATIVE assumes all liability for incorrectly identifying the body or for failing to identify the body of the DECEDENT and does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the FUNERAL HOME from any claims or causes of action arising or related in any respect to the REPRESENTATIVE's act of omission to identify the remains of the DECEDENT.

Maryland law (chapter 5-205, health general article, Maryland code.) states that a body may not be cremated until it has been identified by either the next-of-kin, the person authorized to arrange for final disposition of the body, or a medical examiner. This does not apply to disposition of bodies by any school of medicine or dentistry.

Signature of Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_