AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT SAMPLES FOR DNA PROFILING

1. **PARTIES:**

"FUNERAL HOME": _____
(Name of Funeral Home)

"REPRESENTATIVE": _____
(Use Next Page for Additional Names)
(Name of Representative)

"DECEDENT": _____
(Name of Decedent)

"DNA COMPANY": _____
(Name of Company Providing DNA Profiling and Banking)

2. **INTRODUCTION:** The REPRESENTATIVE has purchased the DNA profiling and banking services offered by the DNA COMPANY and, in connection therewith, is requesting the FUNERAL HOME to collect DNA samples from the remains of the DECEDENT.

3. **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 box):

- ☐ 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:_____

4. **AUTHORITY OF REPRESENTATIVE:** The REPRESENTATIVE warrants and represents to FUNERAL HOME that the REPRESENTATIVE is the person or the appointed agent of the person who by law has the paramount right to direct the disposition of the remains of the DECEDENT and to enter into this authorization, and that no other person(s) has a superior right over the right of the REPRESENTATIVE.

5. **DIRECTIONS TO COLLECT DNA SAMPLES:** The REPRESENTATIVE authorizes and directs the FUNERAL HOME to collect hair and blood samples, and a cheek swab from the DECEDENT, and submit them to the DNA COMPANY for DNA profiling and banking. The REPRESENTATIVE understands and acknowledges that FUNERAL HOME's only function in the DNA profiling and banking will be the collection and submission of the samples.

6. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** The liability of the FUNERAL HOME to the REPRESENTATIVE or any other person arising out of the failure of the FUNERAL HOME to obtain or submit samples, or for any other cause or claim relating to this matter, shall be limited to the amount of the fee paid by the REPRESENTATIVE to the FUNERAL HOME for the DNA profiling and banking services.

7. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The REPRESENTATIVE agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the FUNERAL HOME from any claims or causes of action arising or related in any respect to this authorization or to the acts and omissions of the DNA COMPANY.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE: _____

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ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Relationship	Signature
_____	_____	_____
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