Supported Decision-Making Agreement

This agreement is governed by the Supported Decision-Making Act, Chapter 1357 of the Texas Estates Code. This supported decision-making agreement is to support and accommodate an individual with a disability to make life decisions, including decisions related to where and with whom the individual wants to live, the services, supports, and medical care the individual wants to receive, and where the individual wants to work, without impeding the self-determination of the individual with a disability. This agreement may be revoked by the individual with a disability or his or her supporter at any time. If either the individual with a disability or his or her supporter has any questions about the agreement, he or she should speak with a lawyer before signing this supported decision-making agreement.

Appointment of Supporter:

I (Name of Adult with Disability), _____ am entering into this agreement voluntarily.

I choose (Name of Supporters)_____ to be my Supporter.

Supporters' Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

My Supporters may help me with life decisions about:

Yes ___ No___ obtaining food, clothing and a place to live

Yes ___ No___ my physical health

Yes ___ No___ my mental health

Yes ___ No___ managing my money or property

Yes ___ No___ getting an education or other training

Yes ___ No___ choosing and maintaining my services and supports

Yes ___ No___ finding a job

Yes ___ No___ Other:_____

My Supporters do not make decisions for me. To help me make decisions, my Supporters may:

1. Help me get the information I need to make medical, psychological, financial, or educational decisions;
2. Help me understand my choices so I can make the best decision for me; or
3. Help me communicate my decision to the right people.

Yes____ No____ My Supporters may see my private health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. I will provide a signed release.

Yes____ No____ My Supporters may see my educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g). I will provide a signed release.

This agreement starts when signed and will continue until _____ (date) or until my Supporters or I end the agreement or the agreement ends by law.

Signed this _____ (day) of _____ (month), _____ (year)

_____ _____

(Signature of Adult with Disability) (Printed Name of Adult with Disability)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUPPORTERS:

When you agree to provide support to an adult with a disability under this supported decision-making agreement, you have a duty to:

1. Act in good faith
2. Act loyally and without self-interest; and
3. Avoid conflicts of interest.

CONSENT OF SUPPORTER

I (Name of Supporter), _____ consent to act as a Supporter under this agreement.

_____ _____
(Signature of Supporter) (Printed Name of Supporter)

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This agreement must be signed in front of two witnesses or a Notary Public.

_____ _____
(Witness 1 Signature) (Printed Name of Witness 1)

_____ _____
(Witness 2 Signature) (Printed Name of Witness 2)

OR

Notary Public

State of _____

County of _____

This document was acknowledged before me on _____ (date)

By _____ and _____
(Name of Adult with a Disability) (Name of Supporter)

_____ _____
(Signature of Notary) (Printed Name of Notary)

(Seal, if any, of notary) My commission expires: _____

WARNING: PROTECTION FOR THE ADULT WITH A DISABILITY

If a person who receives a copy of this agreement or is aware of the existence of this agreement has cause to believe that the adult with a disability is being abused, neglected, or exploited by the supporter, the person shall report the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation to the Department of Family and Protective Services by calling the Abuse Hotline at 1**-800-252-5400** or online at **www.txabusehotline.org**.

DUTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS WITH RESPECT TO AGREEMENT

A person who receives the original or a copy of a supported decision-making agreement shall rely on the agreement. A person is not subject to criminal or civil liability and has not engaged in professional misconduct for an act or omission if the act or omission is done in good faith and in reliance on a supported decision-making agreement