

State of New Mexico

Pre-death Cremation Authorization* *as authorized by New Mexico statute 24-12A-1*

I, _____, being 18 years of age or older, direct that my body be cremated at my death.

[OPTIONAL] I further direct that my cremated remains be disposed of as follows:

(signature of declarant)

(date)

(signature of witness 1)

(date)

(signature of witness 2)

(date)

OR, IF NO WITNESSES:

(signature and seal of notary public)

(date)

** If you wish to appoint a personal representative to carry out specific funeral instructions beyond just cremation, New Mexico law requires you to do so **in a will** (statute number 45-3-701 B). If you appoint such a person in your will, you may direct him or her to carry out specific instructions, or you may indicate that your representative has authority to make those decisions on your behalf. The personal representative named will have the sole legal right to carry out your funeral wishes. **Be sure to give a copy of your will to your personal representative. Do NOT put the only copy in a locked safe deposit box, as it may not be able to be retrieved in time for your funeral, thus thwarting your plans.***