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## AUTHORIZATION FROM NEXT OF KIN TO REVIEW & RELEASE PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

Please note that SB 474 has been approved, enabling the exclusion of documents pertaining to suicides from public record disclosure. This initiative is designed to shield the public from potential trauma resulting from the widespread dissemination of such documents online. Materials containing depictions or accounts of suicide may solely be disclosed to the immediate next of kin. For the release of these protected documents, a notarized authorization from the next of kin is mandatory.

I \_\_\_\_\_ as legal next of kin of \_\_\_\_\_,

Medical Examiner Case No. \_\_\_\_\_, authorize the Medical Examiner's

Office to release protected documents to: \_\_\_\_\_,

my \_\_\_\_\_

**My relationship to the decedent is that of:**

- Surviving spouse
- Surviving adult child, there is no surviving spouse
- Surviving parent, there is no surviving spouse or child
- Other degree of kinship \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/ Date of next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature/ Date)

(Notary Stamp)

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