**RHODE ISLAND**

**SAMPLE SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT FORM**

The Rhode Island legislature passed the Supported Decision-Making Act in 2019. See Rhode Island General Laws sections 42-66.13-1 to 10. Supported Decision-Making is a way for adults with disabilities to appoint an eligible person or an eligible team of people to help them with their decision-making process. The individuals with disabilities who use Supported Decision-Making make their own decisions with this help. Individuals need only be able to express their decisions to use Supported Decision-Making; such expression need not be verbal. The Supported Decision-Making Act recognizes Supported Decision-Making as an alternative to limited guardianship/guardianship. The within Sample Supported Decision-Making Agreement Form is a legal document.

**Section 1: Appointment of Supporter/s and Types of Decisions**

I, (insert your name), make this agreement of my own free will.

I agree and designate that:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

is my supporter.

My supporter may help me with making everyday life decisions relating to the following:

1. Y/N Obtaining food, clothing, and shelter
2. Y/N Taking care of my health
3. Y/N Other (specify):

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I agree and designate that: Name: Address:

Phone Number: E-mail Address:

is my supporter.

[Note: *The following people cannot be your supporter: (1) A person who is your employer or employee unless the person is your immediate family member; (2) A person directly providing paid support services to you, unless the person is your immediate family member; and (3) An individual against whom you have obtained an order of protection from abuse or an individual who is the subject of a civil or criminal order prohibiting contact with you*.]

My supporter may help me with making everyday life decisions relating to the following:

1. Y/N Obtaining food, clothing, and shelter
2. Y/N Taking care of my health
3. Y/N Other (specify):

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**Section 2: How Your Supporter/s May Help You**

My supporter(s) is (are) not allowed to make decisions for me. To help me with my decisions, my supporter(s) may:

1. Help me access, collect, or obtain information that is relevant to a decision, including medical, psychological, educational or treatment records;
2. Help me gather and complete appropriate authorizations and releases;
3. Help me understand my options so I can make an informed decision; and
4. Help me communicate my decision to appropriate persons.

**Section 3: Effective Date and End Date of Supported Decision-Making Agreement**

This supported decision-making agreement is effective immediately and will continue until

 (insert date) or until the agreement is terminated by my supporter or me or by operation of law.

Signed this day of , 20

**Section 4: Consent of Supporter/s**

I, (name of supporter), consent to act as a supporter under this agreement, and acknowledge my responsibilities under chapter 66.13 of title 42.

(Signature of supporter) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Printed name of supporter) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My relationship to the principal is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I, (name of supporter), consent to act as a supporter under this agreement, and acknowledge my responsibilities under chapter 66.13 of title 42.

(Signature of supporter) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Printed name of supporter) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My relationship to the principal is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 5: Consent of the Principal**

(My signature) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(My printed name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 6: Two Witnesses or a Notary Public**

(Witness 1 signature) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Printed name of witness 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(Witness 2 signature) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of witness 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[Note: *The following people cannot be your witnesses: (1) Your supporter/s (2) An employee or agent of your supporter/s named in the supported decision-making agreement; (3) A paid provider of services to you; and (4) Any person who does not understand the type of communication you use, unless an individual who understands your means of communication is present to assist during the execution of the supported decision-making agreement*.]

Or

State of

County of

This document was acknowledged before me on (date) by

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(Name of adult with a disability) (Name of supporter)

Names of any additional Supporter/s:

(Signature of notarial officer) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Seal, if any, of notary)

(Printed name)

My commission expires: