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Original final draft, per § 1-40-105(4), C.R.S.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

SECTION 15. End-of-life decision-making authority. (1) Legislative declaration. THE VOTERS OF COLORADO FIND THAT PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTED LAWS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ADULTS AND INTERESTED PERSONS, SUCH AS THE ADULTS' FAMILY MEMBERS AND CLOSE FRIENDS, TO DIRECT END-OF-LIFE DECISION-MAKING ABOUT MEDICAL TREATMENT IF, AS PATIENTS, THOSE ADULTS CANNOT PROVIDE INFORMED CONSENT TO OR REFUSAL OF SUCH TREATMENT. THE VOTERS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, SINCE SUCH PROTECTIONS BECAME LAW, LEGISLATIVE MEASURES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO UNDERMINE THESE RIGHTS. THE VOTERS INTEND TO PRESERVE THE RIGHTS ESTABLISHED BY CURRENT LAW AND INSULATE THESE PERSONAL DECISIONS FROM LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE.

(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PASS NO BILL THAT RESTRICTS THE RIGHTS, PROVIDED BY LAW AS OF MAY 5, 2006, OF ADULTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS TO DIRECT THE MANNER AND EXTENT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR SUCH ADULTS IF, AS PATIENTS, THEY LACK THE DECISIONAL CAPACITY TO PROVIDE INFORMED CONSENT TO OR REFUSAL OF MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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