

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ! *The following is a **sample** codicil only. A codicil is legal document which allows you to add a provision to an existing will, without the need to prepare and execute an entirely new will. A codicil should not conflict with the content of your existing will, but should simply add a new provision; a conflict in language may result in litigation. It is best to consult with an attorney, particularly to be certain you are satisfying the laws of your state, or if you have a revocable/living trust, rather than a will.*

CODICIL TO THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

_____ (Your Name) _____

I, _____ (your name) _____, a resident of _____ (city/county) _____, _____ (state) _____, being of sound mind, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my codicil to my Last Will and Testament, dated _____, _____.

1. I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Association for Research and Enlightenment, Inc., also known as A.R.E., a Virginia non-profit corporation, located at 215 67th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451, Taxpayer ID No. 54-0573802, the following: (examples: “ ___% of my estate,” or “the sum of _____,” or “my real property located at _____” or “the residue of my estate.”)
2. In all other respects, I hereby ratify and confirm my said Last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this Codicil on this ____ day of _____, 20__.

(your signature)

(This portion of the document pertains to the process and language for witnessing of the codicil. The following language is based upon Virginia law, requiring two witnesses and a notary public. Look at your existing will for the appropriate witness process and language in your state, as it is generally the same for wills and for codicils, unless your will is old, as the laws may have changed. Please note that you should initial the bottom of each page.)

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the Testator has signed, sealed, acknowledged and declared the foregoing as and for a Codicil to his/her Last Will, in the presence of us, two competent witnesses, all present together at the same time, who, in his/her presence and at his/her request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses on the day and year above written.

(place your initials here) _____

_____ (Witness #1 signs here) _____ residing at _____

_____ (Witness #2 signs here) _____ residing at _____

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CITY/COUNTY OF _____, to wit:

Before me, on this day, personally appeared _____ (your name) _____, _____ (Witness #1) _____ and _____ (Witness #2) _____, known to me to be the Testator and the witnesses, respectively, whose names are signed to the attached or foregoing instrument and, all of these persons being by me first duly sworn, _____ (your name) _____, the Testator, declared to me and to the witnesses in my presence that said instrument is a Codicil to his/her Last Will and Testament and that he/she had willingly signed it in the presence of said witnesses as his/her free and voluntary act for the purposes herein expressed, that said witnesses stated before me that the foregoing Codicil was executed and acknowledged by the Testator as a Codicil to his/her Last Will and Testament in the presence of said witnesses who in his/her presence and at his/her request and in the presence of each other, did subscribe their names thereto as attesting witnesses on the day of the date of said Codicil and that the Testator, at the time of the execution of said Codicil, was over the age of eighteen (18) years and of sound and disposing mind and memory.

Testator (your signature)

(Witness #1 signature)

(Witness #2 signature)

Sworn and acknowledged before me by _____ (your name) _____, the Testator, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) and _____ (Witness #1 name) _____ and _____ (Witness #2 name) _____, the witnesses, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

(place your initials here) _____