CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
GENERAL RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

CCHR was co-founded in 1969 by the Church of Scientology and Professor of Psychiatry Emeritus Dr. Thomas Szasz to investigate and expose psychiatric violations of human rights.

I, (name)_____ of

(address)_____

do hereby authorize the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), through its representatives, to conduct an investigation into my case as a medical/psychiatric patient and/or recipient of psychiatric or psychological treatment. This investigation may include, but is not limited to, the acquisition of medical records or psychiatric records including, but not limited to, ward charts, evaluations and other information, inspection of the facility(s) in which I was treated and/or a resident, photographs of my person, recording of my voice and full information regarding my case. This release form gives permission to CCHR to examine and/or photocopy all of my medical and/or psychiatric records.

I authorize CCHR to utilize my name and the information that I have provided to its representatives, agents, or employees regarding my knowledge or experience of psychiatric abuses and treatment, in presentations to attorneys, government officials and agencies and/or the media, including without limitation publication on the Internet. This applies to any information that I have not specifically requested in writing to be held confidential. I recognize I have HIPAA* privacy rights which are waived to the extent necessary to permit the access noted above.

_____ _____
Signature Date

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20 _____, before me personally appeared _____, with whom I am personally acquainted (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence), and executed the foregoing instrument as such person's free act and deed.

Signed, Notary Public: _____

Printed Name: _____ *Official Seal*

My commission expires:_____

* HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. This is a U.S. Federal Act which covers health insurance eligibility and also includes privacy of medical information.