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CLIENT RIGHTS

1. You have the right to decide **not** to receive psychological services from me, and the right to be provided with the names of other qualified professionals should you desire to see someone else.
2. You have the right to end counseling with me at any time without any further moral, legal or financial responsibility beyond payment for the services provided.
3. If you request, any part of your confidential record can be released to any person or agency that you desire. A request must be submitted in writing for this to occur.
4. As your counselor, I practice according to the laws of the State of Washington and guided by the Ethical Code of Conduct of the American Counseling Association. In the event of a concern or grievance regarding my conduct, please discuss this with me immediately. You are encouraged to further bring this to the attention of the Department of Health, Examining Board of Psychologists (360-753-3095).
5. You have the right to confidential communication during counseling. The laws of the state of Washington with some limitations afford you this privilege. The following circumstances include those limitations, some of which I am required by law to report if disclosed:
 - When I have evidence that a child or vulnerable adult is being abused or possibly abused by you or someone else.
 - If you threaten bodily harm to yourself or someone else or you are gravely disabled.
 - A legal subpoena by an attorney from a case you are involved in could be sufficient reason for your privilege to be breached.
 - If you are involved in marital or family therapy there are limits to the confidentiality you have as an individual. Please explore this further with Gary if you are concerned about this.
 - If you are involved in group therapy there is no privilege extended to your communications with other group members. Another group member could be required by the court to disclose information they became aware of in-group.
 - If you access insurance reimbursement funds for these services, I cannot guarantee confidentiality, as many agencies now are members of the Medical Information Bureau (MIB).

Client Signature

Date