Legal Language for Gifts By Will

The official name of the Museum is The Whaling Museum Society.

The Newark Museum’s federal tax I.D. number is 11-6037958.

The following language is recommended for a gift by will to the Whaling Museum:

**Unrestricted gifts by will:** Unrestricted gifts by will enable the Newark Museum to make use of the generous gifts of donors where the funds are needed most. Fill in the blank with the dollar amount, percentage of estate or specific property you intend to gift:

**Expendable gift:** “I hereby give to the Whaling Museum Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation located at 279 Main Street, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, the sum of $______ (or ___% of my residuary estate) to be used for its general purposes.”

**Endowed gift:** “I hereby give $___________ to the Whaling Museum Society. The property comprising this gift may, for investment purposes, be merged with any of the investment assets of the Whaling Museum (the “Museum”), but the gift shall be entered into the Museum’s books and records as an endowed fund known as THE FUND (the “Fund”). The Museum shall use the endowment payout from the Fund to support the objects and purposes of the Museum.”

**Gift for a specific purpose:** Restricted gifts by will may be used only for purposes defined by the donor. Inclusion of the following language is recommended if you wish to ensure that a gift designated for a specific use will always remain productive. “If, in the determination of the Whaling Museum Society, the program or activities to which this gift is restricted is no longer undertaken, then the Museum shall use the gift to further the objects and purposes of the Museum generally, giving consideration to my special interest as evidenced by the purposes described above.”