

SPECIAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Paula J. Down, of Rockford, Michigan, do hereby appoint Stephen A. Strange, of Birmingham, Alabama, as my lawful attorney in fact, for me and in my name, place and stead, and for my use and benefit.

To purchase the real property located at: 1107 Independence Drive, Alabaster, Alabama 35007, described as follows:

Lot 82, according to the Survey of Autumn Ridge, as recorded in Map Book 12, Pages 4, 5 and 6, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama

For such price and on such terms and conditions as he shall deem proper, including the execution of any and all documents necessary to complete the sale of said property, such as, but not limited to contract, mortgages, notes, and any and all other documents appropriate to complete the sales transaction on the above described property.

Giving and granting unto said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act, deed, matter, and thing whatsoever in and about my estate, property, and affairs as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as I might or could do in my own proper person if personally present, the above specially enumerated powers being in aid and exemplification of the full, complete, and general power herein granted and not in limitation or definition thereof, and hereby ratifying all that my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

And I hereby declare that any act or thing lawfully done hereunder by and said attorney shall be binding on myself, and my heirs legal and personal representatives, and assigns; whether the same shall have been done before or after my death, or other revocation of this instrument, unless and until reliable intelligence or notice thereof shall have been actually received by my attorney. Further, this power of attorney shall not be affected by disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the principal it being my intention this document constitutes a special durable power of attorney.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 27 day of April, 1999.


Paula J. Down

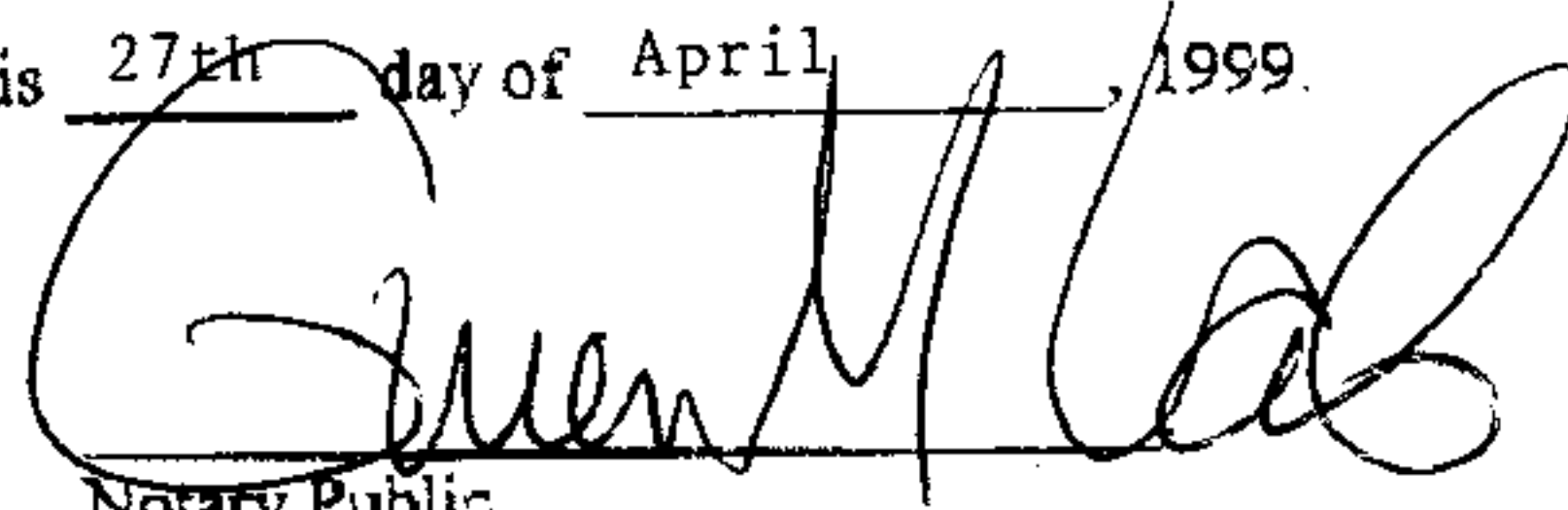
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STATE OF MichiganCOUNTY OF Ingham

On this 27th day of April, 1999, I the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county in said state, hereby certify that Paula J. Down, whose name is signed to the foregoing Special Durable Power of Attorney, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me that, being informed of the contents of the Special Durable Power of Attorney, she executed the same voluntarily and as her act on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 27th day of April, 1999.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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Notary Public, Shiawassee County, MI
ACTING IN Ingham CO.

My Commission Expires 07/28/2002

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