

**AFFIDAVIT OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT**

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON**

Before me the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the above State and County personally appeared Dawn Kirkland (Affiant) who after being duly sworn deposes and says as follows:

1. Affiant is the Attorney-in-Fact named in the Power of Attorney executed by John M. Howard, Jr. (Principal) on the 25th day of February, 2004.
2. The Affiant is executing certain documents this day under the authority of that Power of Attorney, referred to above, and
3. Affiant has made inquiry and ascertained that the Principal is not deceased on this date at this time and said Power of Attorney has not been revoked in whole or part, rescinded or otherwise terminated and that there are no proceedings pending for the appointment of a Guardian or Conservator for the Principal in any court.

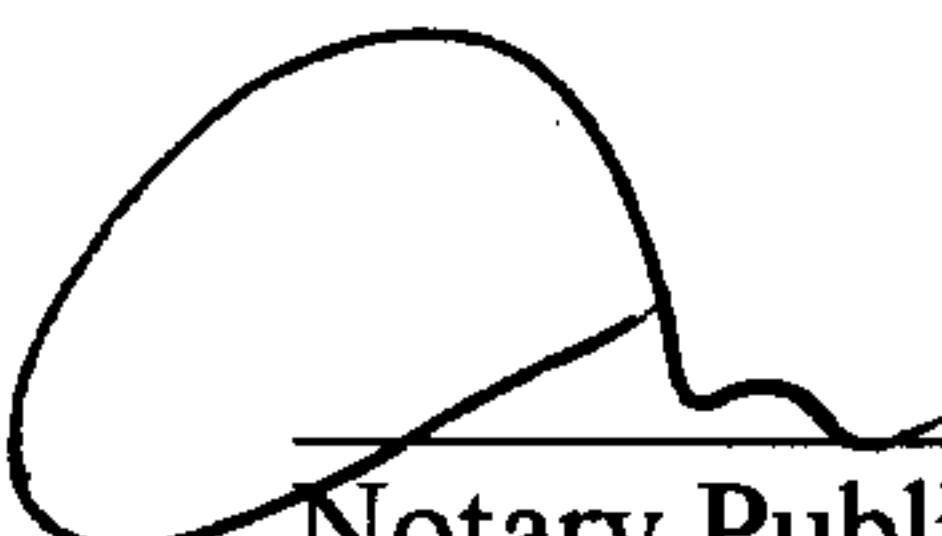
  
Affiant Dawn Kirkland

State of Alabama  
Jefferson County

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Dawn Kirkland, as Attorney-in-fact for John M. Howard, Jr. whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, and with full authority as Attorney-in-Fact for John M. Howard, Jr. she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 27th day of February, 2004.

{Notarial Seal}

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 02/23/2008

*T.R. Monroe, Jr.*