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**Re: Louise C. Ford Trust Dated July 7, 1999**


To Whom It May Concern:

I am the representative attorney for the above referenced trust. Please find attached a certified true and correct copy of the original trust

Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**

**OF**

**LOUISE C. FORD**



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## **REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**

**LOUISE FORD TRUST DATED JULY 7, 1999**

by

**LOUISE C. FORD**





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## DECLARATION OF TRUST

This declaration of trust is made by LOUISE C. FORD, a/k/a LOUISE COUGHLIN FORD, as of July 7, 1999. This trust shall be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama.

### \*\*\* ARTICLE ONE \*\*\*

#### NAME OF TRUST AND APPOINTMENTS

A. NAME OF TRUST:

This trust shall be known as the LOUISE FORD TRUST DATED JULY 7, 1999.

B. PRIMARY TRUSTEE:

I hereby designate myself as the primary trustee of this trust. I may exercise dominion and control over any and all of the trust assets.

C. SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE:

I designate EDWARD E. FORD as the successor trustee of this trust. My successor trustee is to assume the duties as trustee hereunder upon my resignation, death, or disappearance, or if I am certified in writing to be incompetent as provided under Article Five of this Declaration of Trust. Except as otherwise specified within the provisions of this Declaration of Trust, in the event of my incompetency, my successor trustee is to use the income and assets of this trust exclusively for my health, education, support, and maintenance, or the health, education, support, and maintenance of my dependents.

D. ALTERNATE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE:

If EDWARD E. FORD is unable or unwilling to act as successor trustee, I appoint EDWARD (RUSTY) EARL FORD II as successor trustee to serve with all rights and responsibilities given to the original successor trustee.

E. SECOND ALTERNATE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES:

If EDWARD (RUSTY) EARL FORD II is unable or unwilling to act as successor trustee, I appoint GEORGE MARLIN SLOAN AND MARY C. SLOAN as co-successor trustees to serve with all rights and responsibilities given to the original successor trustee. If a co-successor trustee is unable or unwilling to act, the remaining successor trustee(s) shall serve with all rights and responsibilities originally given to all co-successor trustees.

F. ABILITY TO DELEGATE TO ONE TRUSTEE:

If it is impractical for all of the acting co-successor trustees to act as successor trustees, if all



of the acting co-successor trustees agree in writing, they may appoint one of the successor trustees as sole successor trustee, and the successor trustee so appointed shall solely have all rights and responsibilities hereinbefore given to all named successor trustees.

G. **RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE(S):**

Any trustee may resign at any time by giving at least thirty days prior written notice, specifying the effective date of the resignation to any other trustees then serving and to the trustee appointed by this Declaration of Trust to act upon the resigning trustee's resignation.

H. **IF NO NAMED TRUSTEE CAN ACT:**

If no trustee named in this trust is willing and able to act, a trustee or co-trustees may be selected by the majority of adult income and remainder beneficiaries named herein. The successor trustee(s) so selected and appointed shall have all rights and responsibilities hereinbefore given to the named successor trustee(s).

I. **COMPENSATION FOR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE:**

My successor trustee(s) are to serve without compensation, unless compensation is agreed upon by all of the remainder beneficiaries of this trust. However, all expenses of any type incurred by my successor trustee(s) in carrying out duties under this trust shall be paid for from the trust. If a corporate trustee serves as trustee, they shall serve with reasonable compensation in accordance with their regularly adopted fee schedule as may be in effect at the time such services are performed.

J. **BOND WAIVED:**

No bond will be required of the primary trustee, the successor trustee(s), credit shelter trustee(s), or any other trustee(s) named herein.

K. **ACCOUNTING TO BENEFICIARIES REQUIRED:**

The primary trustee will render such accounting to the successor trustee(s) as the primary trustee deems advisable for the purpose of advising the successor trustee(s) of the nature and location of the assets of the trust. The successor trustee(s) shall make a written accounting to all remainder beneficiaries of the net proceeds of this trust or to their guardians at least annually and at the time that all assets of this living trust are distributed. Said accounting shall consist of a record showing assets on hand at the time of the last accounting, plus additions, minus expenses and distributions, which shall equal current assets on hand. The successor trustee(s) shall not be required to obtain authority or approval of any court in the exercise of any power conferred upon the successor trustee(s), nor shall the successor trustee(s) be required to make accountings or reports to any court.

L. **PRIMARY BENEFICIARY:**

I hereby designate myself as the primary beneficiary of this trust. As long as I shall live, I will have the exclusive right to the use and benefit of the income and the assets of this trust.



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If I am determined to be incompetent in writing pursuant to the provisions of Article Five of this Declaration of Trust and provided that provisions are made elsewhere in this trust document for use of trust assets for other beneficiaries during my lifetime, this paragraph shall be subordinate to such other paragraphs. Upon my death, my successor trustee(s) shall take charge of the assets then remaining in this trust and distribute them according to the plan of distribution in Article Two of this Declaration of Trust document.



**\*\*\* ARTICLE TWO \*\*\***  
**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

A. **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION UPON MY DEATH:**

Upon my death my successor trustee(s) shall take charge of the assets then remaining in this trust and make distribution thereof according to the following plan of distribution:

1. Pay all of my legally enforceable debts, including the expenses of my last illness and funeral expenses, current bills and any and all other expenses incurred in closing out this trust and making distribution of assets thereof.
2. My spouse is EDWARD E. FORD and my child is EDWARD (RUSTY) EARL FORD II.
3. I may from time to time indicate my desire that specific gifts be made from this living trust upon my death. This specific gifts form shall only be effective if my spouse, EDWARD E. FORD, does not survive me. If I make known my desire in a writing referring to or attached to this trust agreement, upon my death, the trustee(s) shall distribute the specific gifts as if the specific gifts had been made in this trust agreement itself. In dating the specific gifts document, it is not my intention to redate the entire trust agreement.
4. If my spouse, EDWARD E. FORD, survives me, my personal effects, including automobiles, boats, sporting equipment, jewelry, furniture, furnishings, china, glassware, silver and household equipment (except those items which are specifically given to a beneficiary elsewhere in this trust agreement in which case said specific gift shall take precedence over this paragraph) shall be distributed to my surviving spouse. If my spouse, EDWARD E. FORD, does not survive me, then I direct that my successor trustee(s) divide my personal effects, as described above (except those items which are specifically given to a beneficiary elsewhere in this trust agreement in which case said specific gift shall take precedence over this paragraph), among my children or their issue by representation as they may agree or, failing such agreement, in such manner as my successor trustee(s) may deem equitable. If my spouse does not survive me and if my children or their issue by representation do not agree, I give my successor trustee(s) full discretion to determine the division and distribution of the articles above referred to between my children or their issue by representation, and such determination shall be binding on all persons.
5. The net proceeds of the trust remaining after compliance with the above provisions are to be given to my spouse, EDWARD E. FORD, if my spouse survives me, but my spouse shall have the right to disclaim all or any part of the net proceeds. Said assets disclaimed shall be selected by my spouse out of the assets of this living trust including, but not limited to any assets gifted, transferred or poured over into this living trust at any time. Upon said disclaimer of assets by my spouse, the disclaimed whole or portion shall be distributed to and administered pursuant to the provisions for the Non-Marital Share as described hereunder.



B. NON-MARITAL SHARE

1. Upon disclaimer of assets pursuant to the previous provisions, the disclaimed whole or portion shall be distributed to a separate trust, hereinafter referred to as the Credit Shelter Trust, to be held and administered as follows:
  - a. My spouse shall be trustee of the Credit Shelter Trust and, during my spouse's lifetime, the Credit Shelter Trust shall be administered for the benefit of any one or more of the group composed of my spouse, my child(ren), and the lineal descendants of any of my deceased child(ren). Upon my death, the plan of distribution and all terms of this Credit Shelter Trust shall become unamendable and irrevocable. The trustee shall pay to or use for the benefit of said beneficiaries so much of the net income and principal of the Credit Shelter Trust as the trustee shall deem necessary for the health, education, maintenance, or support of the beneficiaries described above, taking into consideration all other means available to a beneficiary for such purposes from all sources known to my trustee.
  - b. If my spouse is unable or unwilling to act as trustee, then EDWARD (RUSTY) EARL FORD II shall act with all rights and responsibilities given to the original trustee.
  - c. If EDWARD (RUSTY) EARL FORD II is unable or unwilling to act as trustee, GEORGE MARLIN SLOAN AND MARY C. SLOAN shall serve with all rights and responsibilities given to the original trustee. If a co-trustee is unable or unwilling to act, the remaining trustee(s) shall serve with like power.
  - d. The plan of distribution and all terms of this Credit Shelter Trust shall be irrevocable.
  - e. I authorize and empower my Credit Shelter trustee(s) to invest, reinvest, transfer, and convey any and all property held in this Credit Shelter Trust. This includes all power now or hereafter conferred upon trustee(s) by applicable state law, and also those powers appropriate to the orderly and effective administration of the trust.
  - f. The Credit Shelter trustee(s) shall act without bond and shall make such accounting to the beneficiaries as the trustee(s), in the trustee(s)' sole discretion deem advisable. Said Credit Shelter trustee(s) shall not be required to make any current reports or accountings to any court nor to any beneficiaries.
  - g. The trustee(s) are to serve without compensation, unless compensation is agreed upon by all of the remainder beneficiaries of this trust. If a corporate trustee serves as trustee, they shall serve with reasonable compensation in accordance with their regularly adopted fee schedule as may be in effect at



the time such services are performed. However, all expenses of any type incurred by the trustee(s) in carrying out duties under this trust shall be paid for from the trust.

2. Upon my spouse's death, the assets then remaining in this Credit Shelter Trust shall be distributed to my child, EDWARD (RUSTY) EARL FORD II. If EDWARD does not survive me, I give EDWARD's share in said trust proceeds to EDWARD's issue by representation.

C. **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION IF SPOUSE DOES NOT SURVIVE:**

Upon my death, if my spouse, EDWARD E. FORD, does not survive me, the net proceeds of this trust remaining after compliance with the above provisions shall be distributed to my child, EDWARD (RUSTY) EARL FORD II. If EDWARD does not survive me, I give EDWARD's share in said trust proceeds to EDWARD's issue by representation.

D. **IF ALL BENEFICIARIES PREDECEASE:**

Upon my death, if neither beneficiaries nor alternate beneficiaries named herein survive, then I give the net proceeds of this trust to my heirs at law.

E. **RULE AGAINST PERPETUITIES:**

Any power of appointment created by this living trust shall be exercisable by the designated donee, if, and only if, the power is exercised prior to twenty-one years after the death of the last to die of my descendants in being at the time of my death. Any property interest transferred by this living trust shall vest no later than twenty-one years after the death of the last to die of my descendants in being at the time of my death.

F. **SURVIVORSHIP CLAUSE:**

If any beneficiary dies prior to the termination of this living trust or within thirty (30) days after the date of my death, whichever is earlier, any interests which would have passed to said beneficiary under the provisions of this living trust are to be disposed of according to the plan of distribution which would have been effective under this living trust if such beneficiary had predeceased me, except that, if a 'Simultaneous Death Provision' is included in this Declaration of Trust or in any addendum thereto, the Simultaneous Death Provision shall take precedence over the provisions of this paragraph in regard to survivorship of my spouse. It is my intention that any property or interest which is distributed from my living trust as a result of any transfer authorized by my successor trustee(s) prior to the death of said beneficiary will not be revoked or otherwise affected by the subsequent death of the distributee.

G. **SIMULTANEOUS DEATH PROVISION:**

If my spouse and I should die under such circumstances as would render it doubtful as to which died first, then it shall be conclusively presumed for the purposes of this living trust that my spouse died first.



H. **GENERATION SKIPPING TAX PROVISIONS:**

1. These provisions shall apply to any trust(s) created pursuant to the terms of this document that are created upon my death and in which there is property that is or may become subject to the federal generation-skipping transfer tax (hereinafter GST). Upon written notification by my personal representative if there is one, and if none exists, upon written notification by anyone filing a 706 federal estate tax return for my estate (hereinafter '706 Filer'), that the 706 Filer intends to allocate any part of the generation-skipping transfer tax exemption (hereinafter GST exemption) that is available to my estate under I.R.C. §2631(a) to some but not all of the property in any trust(s) created by the terms of this document, the trustee(s) of this revocable trust may, in the trustee(s)' discretion, divide that trust into two separate trusts, to be designated as the Exempt Trust and the Non-Exempt Trust.
2. If the trustee(s) of this revocable trust elect to divide a trust in the manner provided herein, the Exempt Trust shall contain the share of the property of that trust equal in value to the amount of the GST exemption that the 706 Filer intends to allocate to the trust. The Non-Exempt Trust shall contain the balance of the property of that trust. (If the amount of my GST exemption actually allocated to a trust is equal to the value of the property of that trust so that the entire trust has an inclusion ratio of zero for GST purposes, the entire trust shall be referred to as the Exempt Trust, or, if no part of my GST exemption is actually allocated to the trust by the 706 Filer so that the entire trust has an inclusion ratio of one for GST purposes, or if I am not the transferor of that trust for GST purposes, the entire trust shall be referred to as the Non-Exempt Trust.) It is my intention that the 706 Filer actually allocate the GST exemption to the Exempt Trust and not to the Non-Exempt Trust so that the Exempt Trust shall have an inclusion ratio of zero, and the Non-Exempt Trust shall have an inclusion ratio of one for GST purposes. The trustee(s) shall not be liable for relying on the written instruction(s) of the 706 Filer when acting in accordance with these provisions.
3. In allocating assets between the Exempt Trust and Non-Exempt Trust, the trustee(s) shall allocate the trust assets between the Exempt Trust and Non-Exempt Trust in cash or in kind, or partly in each, on a pro rata or non pro rata basis, and in undivided interests or not. Appropriate interest shall be paid pursuant to Treasury Regulation §26.2642-2(b)(4). For purposes of allocation, assets shall be valued at their values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, provided that any assets allocated in kind shall be allocated between the Exempt Trust and the Non-Exempt Trust in a manner that fairly reflects the net appreciation or depreciation in the value of the assets in the trust being divided, measured from the date of my death to the date of payment.
4. The trustee(s) may, but are not required to, administer the trust(s) in such a manner that distributions authorized in the provisions of this document, which distribution(s) are made during the trust term(s) to 'skip persons' (as defined in I.R.C. §2613(a)) are made from the Exempt Trust, and distributions made during the trust term(s) to 'non-skip persons' (as defined in I.R.C. §2613(b)) are made from Non-Exempt trust(s).



5. The purpose of these provisions is to allow the trust(s) to be administered so as to decrease the amount of GST owed on generation-skipping transfers from the trust(s). Any other tax and non-tax issues shall be considered and GST consequences may be disregarded to the extent deemed necessary to carry out my intentions in creating the trust(s).
6. If, in the judgment of the trustee(s) of the revocable trust, at any time after the execution of this trust agreement, any statute, regulation, court decision, or administrative ruling imposes different or additional requirements on the trust in connection with the GST, the trustee(s) may petition the court to amend the term(s) of the trust(s) to meet those requirements and achieve the purpose of these provisions.

**\*\*\* ARTICLE THREE \*\*\***  
**GRANTOR POWERS**

A. **POWER TO FUND THE TRUST:**

After this trust is duly executed, I will execute and deliver all deeds, assignments, bills of sale, written instructions and other legal documents necessary to convey and register all of my assets that I choose to place in trust under this trust to be owned by the trustee(s) of this trust and held and administered under the terms and conditions of this trust. Assets which are evidenced by titles or deeds currently being transferred to the trustee of this trust are listed on Schedule A, which is attached to this trust and made a part of this trust. I hereby transfer to this trust all assets not requiring titles or deeds, including but not limited to my furniture, wearing apparel, and personal possessions. Additionally, the grantor is now holding and will hold, solely and exclusively for and on behalf of such trust, the following: any and all properties of all kinds, whether presently owned or hereafter acquired including, without limitation:

bank accounts, certificates of deposit, mutual and money market funds of all kinds, securities, agency and custody accounts, notes, and real estate wherever located.

All such property is hereby transferred to and the same shall be owned by such trust.

This declaration shall apply even though record ownership or title, in some instances, may, presently or in the future, be registered in my individual name, in which event such record ownership shall hereafter be deemed held in trust even though such trusteeship remains undisclosed.

All assets transferred to the trustee of this trust, whether now or at a later date, shall become part of the trust estate and be subject to all terms and provisions of this trust document.

B. **POWER TO AMEND:**

During my lifetime this trust may be amended in whole or in part by an instrument in writing, signed by me, and delivered to all acting trustee(s) (which may be me), except as may be limited by Article One or Two of this Declaration of Trust.

C. **POWER TO REVOKE:**

During my lifetime, I may revoke the trust, in whole or in part, by an instrument in writing, signed by me and delivered to all acting trustee(s) (which may be me), except as may be limited by Article One or Two of this Declaration of Trust. Upon revocation, the trustee(s) shall deliver the trust property to me.

D. **POWER TO CHANGE TRUSTEE:**

During my lifetime, I may change the trustee(s) or successor trustee(s) of this trust by an



instrument in writing, signed by me and delivered to all acting trustee(s) (which may be me),  
except as may be limited by Article One or Two of this Declaration of Trust.

**\*\*\* ARTICLE FOUR \*\*\***  
**TRUSTEE(S)' POWERS**

**A. MANAGEMENT OF TRUST PROPERTY:**

With respect to property governed by any trust created under this agreement, except as otherwise specifically provided in this trust, the trustee(s) shall have all the rights, powers and authority to deal with and manage the assets of this trust that an individual owner would have if there was no trust and the trustee(s) were acting as legally competent individual(s) dealing with their own property. This includes, but is by no means limited to the right to borrow against or pledge any of the trust assets, including the right to mortgage real estate and margin stocks or other securities owned by the trustee(s) of the trust. This includes all powers now or hereafter conferred upon trustee(s) by applicable state law, and also those powers appropriate to the orderly and effective administration of the trust. Any expenditure involved in the exercise of the trustee(s)' powers shall be borne by the trust.

Trustee(s)' powers shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following powers:

1. To sell, convey, pledge, mortgage, lease, manage, operate, control, transfer title, divide, convert or allot the trust property, including real and personal property, and to sell upon deferred payments; to lease for terms within or extending beyond the duration of the trust for any purpose; to enter into covenants and agreements relating to the property so leased or any improvements which may be erected on such property.
2. To abandon or retain underproductive or nonproductive assets, and to invest and reinvest the trust funds in such property as the trustee(s), in the exercise of reasonable business judgment, may deem advisable, including stock of the trustee(s) and investments in any common trust fund now or hereafter established by trustee(s), except in regard to marital deduction property, in which case the surviving spouse shall have the power to direct the trustee(s) to make the property income producing.
3. To deal with itself or affiliates, to borrow money for any purpose; to place, replace, renew or extend any encumbrance upon any trust property by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge or otherwise, regardless of the purpose of any such action.
4. To establish lines of credit and to guarantee any and all loans made to the grantor regardless of the purpose of the loan.
5. To participate in voting trusts, pooling agreements, foreclosures, reorganizations, consolidations, mergers and liquidations and, in connection therewith, to deposit securities with and transfer title and all rights and responsibilities to any protective or other committee as the trustee(s) may deem advisable.
6. To acquire or dispose of an asset for cash or on credit, at public or private sale, and to exchange, partition, change the character of or abandon a trust asset or any interest herein.



7. To make improvements, alterations, or ordinary or extraordinary repairs of buildings or other trust property; to demolish any improvements; and to raze existing or erect new party walls or buildings.
8. To subdivide, develop or dedicate land to public use; to make or obtain the vacation of plats and adjust boundaries; to adjust differences in valuation on exchange or partition by giving or receiving consideration; to dedicate easements for public use without consideration; and to create restrictions, easements or other servitudes.
9. To grant an option involving disposition of a trust asset, or to take an option for the acquisition of any asset.
10. To vote a security, in person or by general or limited proxy.
11. To pay calls, assessments and any other sums chargeable or accruing against or on account of securities.
12. To sell or to exercise or not exercise, as the trustee(s) may deem advisable, any subscription, conversion or other rights or options which may at any time attach to, belong to or be given to the holders of any stocks, bonds, securities or other instruments in the trust estate.
13. To engage in covered call writing.
14. To buy, sell and trade in securities of any nature.
15. To hold a security in the name of a nominee or in any other form without disclosure of the trust, so that title to the security may pass by delivery, but the trustee(s) shall be liable for any act of the nominee in connection with the security so held.
16. To insure the assets of the trust against damage or loss, and the trustee(s) against liability with respect to third persons.
17. To advance money for the protection of the trust and for all expenses, losses and liabilities sustained in the administration of the trust or because of the holding or ownership of any trust assets. Thereon, the trustee(s) shall have a lien on the trust assets for any such advances.
18. To pay or contest any claim; to settle a claim by or against the trust by compromise, arbitration or otherwise; to release, in whole or in part, any claim belonging to the trust to the extent that the claim is uncollectible; and to institute, compromise and defend actions and proceedings.
19. To commence or defend litigation with respect to the trust or any property of the trust estate as trustee(s) may deem advisable and to employ such counsel as the trustee(s) shall deem advisable for that purpose.



20. To enforce any mortgage, deed of trust or pledge and, at any sale under any mortgage, deed of trust or pledge, to bid and purchase, at the expense of the trust, any property subject to any such security instrument.
21. To pay taxes, assessments, any compensation of trustee(s) as allowed under other provisions of this Declaration of Trust and other reasonable expenses incurred in the collection, care, administration and protection of the trust.
22. To continue or participate in any business or other enterprise and to effect incorporation, dissolution or other change in the form of organization of the business or enterprise.
23. To pay the debts of grantor, the cost of any final illnesses of grantor, and the cost of grantor's funeral and final disposition, and to authorize any actions necessary to arrange for grantor's funeral and final disposition.
24. To appoint a general or special agent to act on trustee(s)' behalf. Any power of attorney the trustee(s) create pursuant to this power shall cease when the appointing trustee(s) cease to act as trustee(s).
25. After the death of the grantor, upon any division or partial or final distribution of the trust estate, the trustee(s) shall have the power to partition, allot and distribute the trust estate in undivided interests or in kind, or partly in money and partly in kind, at valuations determined by the trustee(s), and to sell such property as the trustee(s) consider necessary to make such division or distribution. The trustee(s) may make non pro rata divisions between beneficiaries as long as the respective assets allocated to separate trusts or shares or the distributions to beneficiaries have equivalent or proportionate fair market value.
26. The trustee(s) shall have the power to deal with governmental agencies; to make applications for, receive and administer any of the following benefits, if applicable: Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, and any other government resources and community support services available. The trustee(s) shall have the power to explore and implement legally acceptable Medicaid planning strategies and options to plan and accomplish asset preservation if the grantor needs long-term health and nursing care.
27. If my estate is probated and the estate does not contain sufficient funds with which to pay legally enforceable debts and expenses, the personal representative(s) of my estate shall have the right to request that the trustee(s) of this trust distribute to the estate an amount necessary to satisfy the legally enforceable debts and expenses, and the trustee(s) are authorized, in the sole discretion of the trustee(s), to distribute funds to the estate for said debts and expenses, except that the trustee(s) shall make no payment from assets, such as life insurance proceeds, that would otherwise be immune from creditors' claims.
28. A beneficiary may disclaim all or any part of said beneficiary's interest in any property distributable to the beneficiary provided the disclaimer is made in



accordance with the requirements for a disclaimer pursuant to I.R.C. § 2518. In addition, property passing to the trustee(s) of any trust under this trust agreement may be disclaimed by said trustee(s) without court approval or approval of beneficiaries.

29. The trustee(s) shall have the power to permit any beneficiary to use any tangible personal property held as an asset of a trust without incurring liability to the trustee(s) or the beneficiary(ies) for damage to, or consumption or loss of, such property.
30. The trustee(s) are authorized to divide any trust, whether existing or to be established, into two or more separate smaller trusts, without any requirement for said trusts to be equal in value, and without any requirement for discretionary distributions to be made proportionally among said trusts, whenever the trustee(s) believe such division may achieve desirable tax results for the trust or its beneficiaries, promote easier administration or otherwise be in the best interests of the trust or its beneficiaries. Upon termination of any separate smaller trust, the trustee(s) are authorized to distribute from any one such trust to any beneficiary in proportions/amounts as the trustee(s) consider desirable so long as distribution from all such separate smaller trusts would, if such trusts were a single trust, satisfy the provisions governing the trust before its division.
31. The trustee(s) may appoint one or more outside investment managers to provide discretionary investment management of all or part of the trust's property, and may delegate investment authority to such managers with respect to the trust property committed to manager's discretion. The trustee(s) may compensate any such investment manager for its services without reduction of the trustee(s)' compensation. Any such delegation shall be evidenced by an investment advisory agreement or similar document.
32. In the event any corporate trustee(s) shall merge, consolidate with, sell, or transfer substantially all of its business assets to another corporation, state or federal, the corporation resulting from such merger or consolidation of the corporation to which it is converted or to which such sale or transfer shall be made, shall hereupon become the trustee(s) hereunder with the same effect as though originally named.
33. Any expense incurred by the trustee(s) under this Article may be charged against income or principal as the trustee(s) shall determine in a fair and equitable manner to the extent the allocation is not covered by statute.
34. The trustee(s) are authorized, in the trustee(s)' absolute discretion, with respect to environmental issues that may arise with respect to any property, real or personal, at any time held under any provision of this trust agreement and without authorization by any court and in addition to any other rights, powers, authority and privileges granted by any other provision of this trust agreement or by statute or general rules of law:



- a. To use or expend the trust income and principal to (1) conduct environmental assessments, audits, and site monitoring to determine compliance with any environmental law or regulations thereunder; (2) take all appropriate remedial action to contain, cleanup or remove any environmental hazard including a spill, release, discharge or contamination, either on its own accord or in response to regulations thereunder; (3) defend, settle, or act upon legal proceedings brought about by any local, state, federal or foreign agency concerned with environmental law or regulations thereunder; (4) comply with any local, state or federal agency order or court order directing an assessment, abatement or cleanup of any environmental hazards; and (5) employ agents, consultants and legal counsel to assist or perform the above undertakings or actions.
- b. To disclaim, in whole or in part, any interest in property for any reason, including but not limited to a concern that such property could cause potential liability under any federal, state, local or foreign environmental law.
- c. The trustee(s) shall not be liable for any loss or depreciation in value sustained by the trust as a result of the trustee(s) retaining any property upon which there is later discovered to be hazardous materials or substances requiring action pursuant to any federal, state, local or foreign environmental law, unless the trustee(s) contributed to the loss or depreciation in value through willful default, willful misconduct or gross negligence.
- d. Notwithstanding any provision in this trust agreement to the contrary, the trustee(s) may withhold a distribution to a beneficiary until receiving from the beneficiary an indemnification agreement in which the beneficiary agrees to indemnify the trustee(s) against any claims filed against the trustee(s) as "owner" or "operator" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 as subsequently amended from time to time or against any regulation thereof.



**\*\*\* ARTICLE FIVE \*\*\***  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

A. **CERTIFICATE OF TRUSTEE AUTHORITY AND POWER:**

A Certificate of Trustee Authority and Power signed by a majority of the serving trustee(s) of this trust and acknowledged before a notary public shall be conclusive evidence upon all persons and institutions and for all purposes of the facts stated in said Certificate respecting the terms of the trust, the text of the trust, and regarding who are from time to time trustee(s) of the trust.

B. **SPENDTHRIFT PROVISION:**

No interest in the principal or income of any trust created under this trust instrument shall be anticipated, assigned, encumbered or subjected to creditors' claims or legal process before actual receipt by a beneficiary. This paragraph shall not prohibit an assignment by a beneficiary to any other beneficiary of this trust. This provision shall not apply to my interest in the trust estate.

C. **INCAPACITY OF TRUSTEE:**

Whenever two licensed, practicing medical doctors who are not related by blood or marriage to me or any beneficiary or trustee of this trust certify in writing that a person serving as trustee cannot discharge the duties of trustee because of mental or physical infirmity and the certificates are personally served upon that person, then the office of that person shall be deemed vacated and the alternate trustee provisions under Article One of this Declaration of Trust shall apply. However, if after receipt of the certificates, the trustee alleged to be incompetent gives written notice to the person causing the certificates to be issued that he or she disagrees with the doctors, then the trustee shall continue in office unless he or she resigns or is removed by a court of competent jurisdiction. If, at a later date, the removed trustee regains competency and can evidence said competency with written affidavits from two licensed, practicing medical doctors who are not related by blood or marriage to me or any beneficiary or trustee of this trust, and serves said affidavits upon at least one (1) acting trustee, the removed trustee shall resume duties as trustee hereunder. Anyone dealing with the trust may rely upon written medical certificates or a photocopy of them, presented to them by the successor trustee(s), or original trustee, and shall incur no liability to any beneficiary for any dealings with any designated trustee(s) or successor trustee(s) in good faith reliance on said certificates. This provision is inserted in this document to encourage third parties to deal with any trustee or successor trustee(s) without the need for court proceedings.

D. **INCAPACITY OF THE GRANTOR:**

If I am replaced as trustee of this trust as provided above, the successor trustee(s) shall use the trust estate for my benefit and for the benefit of anyone else authorized by Article One or Two of this living trust. Any income not paid to or for my benefit or to or for the benefit of other authorized beneficiaries shall be added to the principal.



The foregoing shall also apply to distributions by the trustee(s) whenever the grantor who is not serving as trustee becomes incapacitated. My incapacity or regaining of capacity shall be established in the same manner provided for establishing the incapacity or regaining of capacity of trustee(s) as provided in Article Five C. above.

E. **ASSURANCES OF GRANTOR:**

I hereby agree that anyone dealing with the trust may rely on the original trust document and in the absence of actual notice of any modification or revocation of this trust, it shall be conclusively presumed that the trust is in full force and effect as stated herein. This assurance is given to encourage people to deal with the acting trustee(s) or grantor. Further, this assurance is given to encourage successor trustee(s) to rely on the trust document as presented to the successor trustee(s). This provision is binding upon all successors in interest to this trust.

F. **LIABILITY OF TRUSTEE(S):**

1. **LIABILITY OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S):**

No trustee shall be liable for or responsible for any act, omission or default of any predecessor trustee. No successor trustee shall have a duty to audit or investigate the administration of accounts by a predecessor trustee.

2. **NOTICE TO TRUSTEE(S):**

Unless the trustee(s) receive actual written notice of an event affecting a beneficial interest in this trust, the trustee(s) shall not be liable to any beneficiary for making distributions as though the event had not occurred.

3. **APPLICATION OF TRUST FUNDS:**

The trustee(s) shall be solely responsible for the manner in which trust assets are applied. No person paying money or delivering property to the trustee(s) shall be responsible for its application.

G. **GIFTS MADE BY GRANTOR:**

Any distribution made as a gift of principal or income of this trust to anyone other than grantor shall be considered a distribution of such assets first to grantor and then a direct transfer of such assets from grantor to donee(s). Grantor suggests, but does not legally mandate, that any assets which are the subject of such a gift be first distributed to grantor so that grantor can complete such gifts directly.

H. **TRUSTEES AS BENEFICIARIES:**

Any trustee or successor trustee who is also named a beneficiary of this trust shall not be



restricted by ALA CODE § 19-3-324 and therefore have all the powers, rights and duties provided herein.

I. **DISAPPEARANCE:**

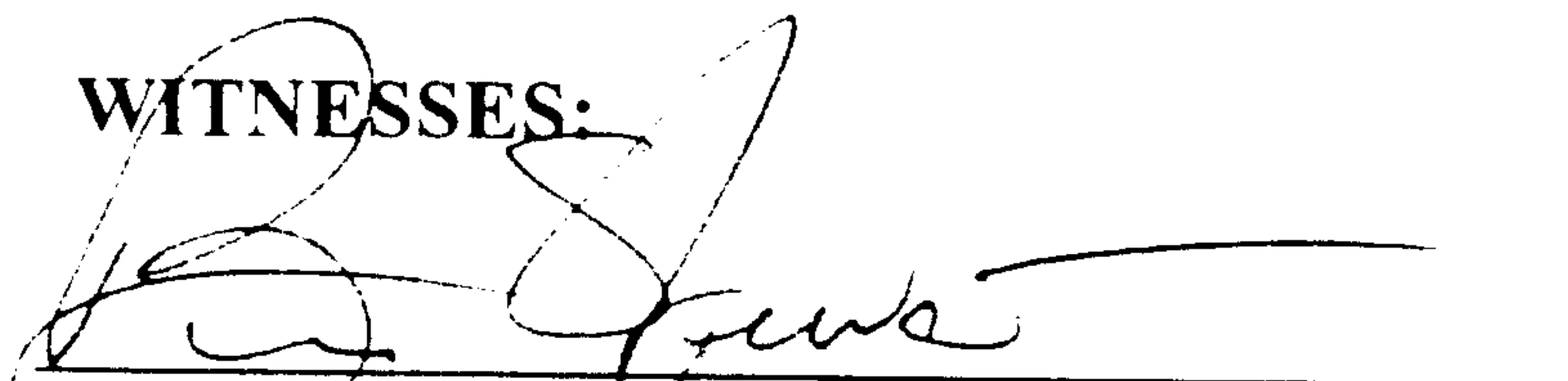
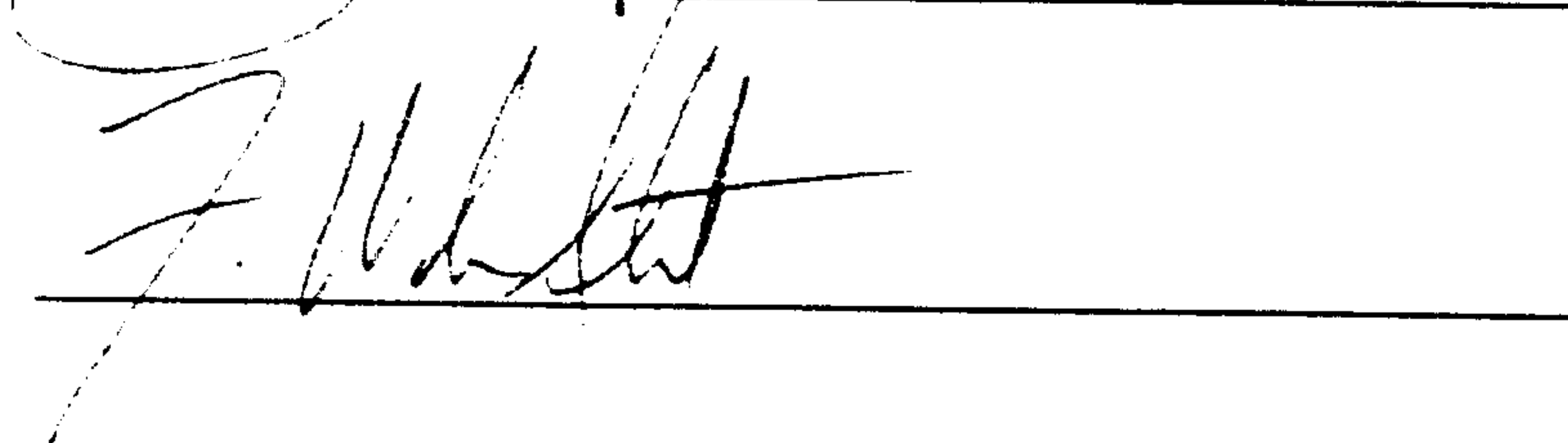
If I should disappear and my whereabouts should remain unknown for a period of forty-five (45) days, my successor trustee(s) shall take over the management of this trust until I return. If I am not seen or heard of for a period of two years and my body has not been recovered, my successor trustee(s) shall presume that I am not alive, and shall proceed with the distribution of the assets of this trust as hereinbefore provided.

J. **SINGULAR/PLURAL, GENDER AND DEFINITIONS OF COMMON TERMS:**

Wherever the context requires, the singular includes the plural, and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter. The words "child", "children", "grandchild" and "grandchildren" shall include legally adopted children and grandchildren and children and grandchildren born or adopted before or after the execution of this trust, but shall not include stepchildren or stepgrandchildren who have not been legally adopted. Also, in construing this trust, the terms "lineal descendants" and "issue" shall include legally adopted lineal descendants and issue and lineal descendants and issue born or adopted before or after the execution of this trust. The word *testamentary* shall be construed as meaning *arising after death*, and shall not be construed to imply any requirement of a probate proceeding of any type. All references to I.R.C. sections and/or Reg. sections shall include any amendments and/or equivalent successor section to said code or regulation.

Dated: July 7, 1999

WITNESSES:

  
LOUISE C. FORD



## SELF-PROVING CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTION

I, LOUISE C. FORD, the grantor and trustee, and the witnesses, whose names are signed to this Declaration of Trust, were duly sworn, and declared to the undersigned officer that the grantor signed this Declaration of Trust in the presence of the witnesses as the grantor's Declaration of Trust, and the witnesses in the presence of the grantor and in the presence of each other, signed said Declaration of Trust as witnesses thereto.

**WITNESSES:**

[Signature]  
[Signature]

**GRANTOR AND TRUSTEE:**

[Signature]  
LOUISE C. FORD

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF <sup>Jefferson</sup> ALABAMA


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Personally came before me this 7th day of July, 1999, the above named LOUISE C. FORD, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

[Signature]  
Melissa Lee Banks, Notary Public  
Alabama County, Alabama  
My Commission July 22, 2000



## SCHEDULE A

  
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Assets listed on this Schedule A are for purposes of illustration and record keeping. All assets of the trust may not be listed here, and this Schedule A shall in no way be construed to limit the number or amount of assets held by this living trust.

- ALL BANK ACCOUNTS
- ALL STOCKS
- ALL BONDS
- ALL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
- ALL BUSINESS ASSETS
- ALL REAL ESTATE
- ALL MOTOR VEHICLES
- ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY
- ALL ASSETS OF ANY KIND AND WHEREVER LOCATED