

STATE OF ALABAMA	)
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COUNTY OF SHELBY	)

## GENERAL (DURABLE) POWER OF ATTORNEY

Jamie Sue D. Duke, of 919 Third Avenue SW, Alabaster, Alabama 35007, the Principal, hereby creates this General Power of Attorney for the purpose of enabling the Agent named below to act as the Principal's agent and attorney-in-fact on all matters, at all time, either before or after the disability of the Principal.

The Principal hereby designates and appoints Barbara Gail Duke, 110 Vail Avenue, Hueytown, Alabama 35023, to be the Principal's agent and attorney-in-fact to act in the Principal's name and stead for all purposes.

The General Power of Attorney and the powers conferred herein shall be effective as of the date of the execution of this General Power of Attorney by the Principal, which date is set forth below.

This General Power of Attorney shall not be affected by the disability of the Principal. The powers and authority conferred to the Agent in this instrument shall be fully exercisable by the Agent notwithstanding the subsequent disability or incapacity of the Principal. All acts performed by the Agent pursuant to this General Power of Attorney during any period of disability or incompetence of the Principal shall have the same effect and inure to the benefit of and bind the Principal, or the heirs, devisees, and personal representative thereof, to the same extent as if the Principal were competent and not disabled.

The Agent, while acting under this General Power of Attorney, shall have full power and authority to do and perform every act and thing to the same extent as the Principal could do if personally present and under no disability. The Agent shall have all the powers, rights, discretion, elections, and authority conferred by statute, the common law, or rule of court or governmental agency that are reasonably necessary for the Agent to act on the Principal's behalf for any purpose. In addition to these general powers, the Agent shall have the following specific powers:

(1) The power to request, ask, demand, sue for, recover, sell collect, forgive, receive, and hold money, debts, dues, commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, notes, interest, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension and retirement benefits, insurance proceeds, any and all documents of title, chooses in action, personal and real property, intangible and tangible property and property rights, and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, as now are, or may become, owned by, or due, owing, payable, or belonging to the Principal, or in which the Principal has or may hereafter acquire an interest; to have, use, and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies, procedures, and writs in the Principal's name for the collection and recovery thereof, and to adjust, sell, compromise, and agree for the same; and to make,

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execute and deliver for the Principal, on the Principal's behalf and in the Principal's name, all endorsements, acceptance, release, receipts, or other sufficient discharges for the same.

(2) The power to prepare, sign and file joint or separate income tax returns or declarations or estimated tax returns for any year or years; to prepare, sign and file give tax returns with respect to gifts made by the Principal, or by the Agent on the Principal's behalf, for any year or years.

The Principal shall also have power and authority to do, take and perform each and every act and thing that is required, proper, or necessary to be done, in connection with executing and filing any tax return, receiving and cashing any refund checks with respect to any tax filing, and dealing with the Internal Revenue Service and any state and local tax authority concerning an audit or investigation.

- (3) The power to conduct, engage in and transact any lawful matter or any nature, on behalf of or in the name of the Principal, and to maintain, improve, invest, manage, insure, lease, or encumber, and in any manner deal with any real, personal, tangible, or intangible property, or any interest in them, that the Principal now owns or may later acquire, in the name of and for the benefit of the Principal, upon such terms and conditions as the Agent may deem proper.
- (4) The power to exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right, or obligation that the Principal now has, or may later acquire, including without limiting the foregoing, the right to enter into a contract of sale and sell any real, personal, tangible, or intangible property on the Principal's behalf and the right to renounce or disclaim any testamentary or nontestamentary transfer intended for the Principal.
- (5) The power to make, receive, sign, endorse, acknowledge, deliver and possess insurance policies, documents of title, bonds, checks, drafts, stocks and proxies relating to accounts or deposits in, or certificates of deposit, other debts and obligations, and such other instruments in writing of any kind or nature as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers herein granted.
- (6) The power to sell any and all shares of stock, bonds or other securities now belonging to or later acquired by the Principal that may be issued by any association, trust or corporation, whether private or public, and to make, execute and deliver any assignment or assignments of any such shares of stocks, bonds or other securities.
- (7) The power to enter any safe deposit box rented by the Principal, and to remove all or any part of the contents thereof, and to surrender or relinquish said safe deposit box. Any institution in which any such safe deposit box may be located shall not incur any liability to the Principal or the

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Principal's estate as a result of permitting the Agent to exercise the powers herein granted.

The Principal hereby ratifies, acknowledges and declares valid all acts performed by the Agent on the Principal's behalf prior to the effective date of this General Power of Attorney.

The General Power of Attorney is revocable only by the Principal and shall not be revoked or otherwise become ineffective in any way by the mere passage of time, but rather shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Principal in writing.

This General Power of Attorney is executed and delivered in the State of Alabama, and the laws of the State of Alabama shall govern and apply to all questions of law and fact as to its validity and as to the construction of its provisions. This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general power of attorney. The enumeration of specific powers is not intended to limit or restrict the general powers granted to the Agent in this instrument.

Third parties may rely upon the representations of the Agent as to all matters to any power granted to the Agent in this instrument, and no person who acts in reliance upon the representation of the Agent shall incur any liability to the Principal or the Principal's estate as a result of permitting the Agent to exercise any power. Third parties may rely upon a photocopy of this executed General Power of Attorney to the same extends as if the copy were the original of this instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal has executed this General Power of Attorney on this the 30d day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

Jamie Sue D. Duke

ATTESTATION

Signature acknowledged in the presence of:

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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The above document was acknowledged before me this \( \frac{3}{2} \) day of \( \frac{2}{2} \) witnesses. 2006 by **Jamie Sue D. Duke,** the Principal, and by the two (2) attesting witnesses.

Notary Public

## This instrument prepared by:

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