

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF SHELBY

**DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know all men by these presents, that I, **Nettie F. Hughes**, of 4645 Hwy 22, Montevallo, Alabama 35155, do hereby appoint my son, **Jack W. Hughes**, of 86 Timber Trace, Anniston, Alabama 36207, my attorney, for me and in my name to ask, demand, sue for, collect, recover and receive all sums of money, debts, dues, accounts, interest, dividends, annuities and demands whatsoever, as are now or shall hereafter become due, owing, payable or belonging to me, and to have, use and take all lawful ways and means in my name or otherwise for the recovery thereof, by proceedings of any kind or nature whatsoever, and to compromise and agree for the same, and deliver releases or other sufficient discharges for the same, for me, and in my name to make, sell and deliver, and to bargain, contract, agree for, buy, sell, mortgage, hypothecate, and in any and every way and manner deal in and with goods and merchandise, chooses in action, and other property, in possession or not in possession, and to release mortgages on lands or chattels, and to make, do and transact all and every kind of business of whatsoever nature and kind. Also, to bargain, contract, agree for, purchase, receive, and take lands, tenements, hereditaments and accept the seizing and possession of all lands and all deeds and other instruments, and to lease, demise, bargain, sell, release, convey, mortgage and hypothecate lands, tenements, and hereditaments, upon such terms and conditions, and under such covenants, as she shall think fit. Also, for me and in my name and as my act and deed to sign, sell, execute and deliver and acknowledge such deeds, leases and assignments of leases, covenants, indentures, arguments, mortgages, hypothecations, bills of lading, bills, bonds, notes, receipts, evidences of debt releases, and satisfaction of mortgages, judgments and other debts, and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind or nature as my said attorney may deem necessary or proper in the premises.

I specifically grant my attorney the right to make gifts and inter-vivos gifts in the event that I should become incompetent, or unable to make said gifts on my own.

I specifically grant my attorney the right to sign for any medical treatment necessary, and to receive, copy, or review any medical records from any doctor, hospital, or any person or place having such records. Furthermore, my attorney shall have the same rights as myself to give or receive any information under all applicable federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) Laws and Regulations.

Furthermore, to pay any and all bills, accounts, claims, and demands now or hereafter payable by me to draw checks or drafts upon any and all bank accounts or deposits belonging to me, to act for me in any business or investments in which I am now or have been engaged or interested; and generally to do and perform all matters and things, transact all business, make, execute and acknowledge all contracts, orders, deeds, writing, assurances, and instruments which may be requisite or proper to effectuate any matter or thing appertaining or belonging to me, and generally to act for me in all matters affecting my business or property with the same force and effect to all intents and purposes as though I were personally present and acting for myself, hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever my said attorney shall do by authority hereof. Every act performed by my

attorney in my behalf shall bind me as fully and firmly in every respect as if said act were performed by me personally, and the power and authority hereby conferred shall be without limitation, exception, reservation or qualification of any kind or nature whatsoever. Presentation of a reproduction of this instrument shall fully authorize and empower any party to whom presentation is made to deal with my said attorney as if said parties were dealing with me personally and as if the presentation of said reproduction were physically made by me. My name may be signed by my said attorney on any instrument of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but without limitation checks, deeds to real estate, mortgage, contracts, releases and tax returns, and my name when signed by my said attorney shall bind me as fully and as firmly for all purposes as if my own signature, physically signed by me, were on said instrument. If any questions shall arise concerning the sufficiency of the power and authority conferred by this instrument, then such questions shall be resolved unequivocally in favor of any party who has relied on power and authority exercised by my said attorney in reliance on this instrument, and I agree that I shall be estopped at all times from asserting lack of authority in my said attorney to perform any act done by her in reliance on this instrument.

This power of attorney shall not be affected by disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the principal.

For the purpose of establishing the authenticity of my signature, I have executed this instrument in the presence of a notary public, and have requested that my signature on this instrument be acknowledged by said notary public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this power of attorney this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

Nettie F. Hughes  
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STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF Shelby

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Alabama, County of \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that **Nettie F. Hughes**, known to me to be the same person who signed the foregoing power of attorney, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that she signed and delivered the said instrument as her own free and voluntary act, for the purpose of conferring on the attorney named in said instrument the power and authority appearing therein.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

Ann P. Snow  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires  
August 13, 2005

This Instrument Prepared By:

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