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OF
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Introductory Provision. I, **KAREN FRANCIS**, as principal (the "Principal") have this day appointed **WILLIAM O. TANT** to serve as my agent ("Agent") and to exercise the powers and discretions set forth below.

Statement of Intent to Create Durable Power of Attorney Under State Statute. By this instrument I intend to create a Durable Power of Attorney under Alabama law.

ARTICLE I

AGENT AUTHORIZATION

All persons named as Agents or Alternate Agents herein, who have succeeded to the office of Agent, are granted the powers and discretions described in the following provisions.

(1) **Revocation, Removal, Amendment and Resignation.** This instrument may be amended or revoked by me (and my Agent and any Alternate Agent may be removed by me) at any time by the execution by me of a written instrument of revocation, amendment, or removal delivered to my Agent and to all Alternate Agents.

(2) **Alternate Agent.** Any party dealing with any person named as Alternate Agent hereunder may rely on as conclusively correct an affidavit or certificate of such Alternate Agent that those persons named as prior Agents are no longer serving.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL

My Agent is authorized as follows:

(1) **Power to Sell.** My Agent is authorized to sell any and every kind of property that I may own now or in the future, real, personal, intangible and/or mixed, on such terms and conditions and security as my Agent shall deem appropriate and to grant options with respect to sales thereof.



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(2) **Power to Buy.** My Agent is authorized to buy every kind of property, real, personal, intangible and/or mixed, on such terms and conditions as my Agent shall deem appropriate.

(3) **Power to Invest.** My Agent is authorized to invest and reinvest all or any part of my property or interests in property, including undivided interests in property, real, personal, intangible and/or mixed, wherever located.

(4) **Power to Manage Real Property.** With respect to real property, including but not limited to any real property I may hereafter acquire or receive and my personal residence, my Agent is authorized to lease, sublease, release; to eject and remove tenants or other persons. My Agent is authorized to mortgage and/or convey by deed of trust or otherwise encumber any real property now or hereafter owned by me, whether acquired by me or for me by my Agent.

(5) **Power to Exercise Rights in Securities.** My Agent is authorized to exercise all rights with respect to corporate securities which I now own or may hereafter acquire.

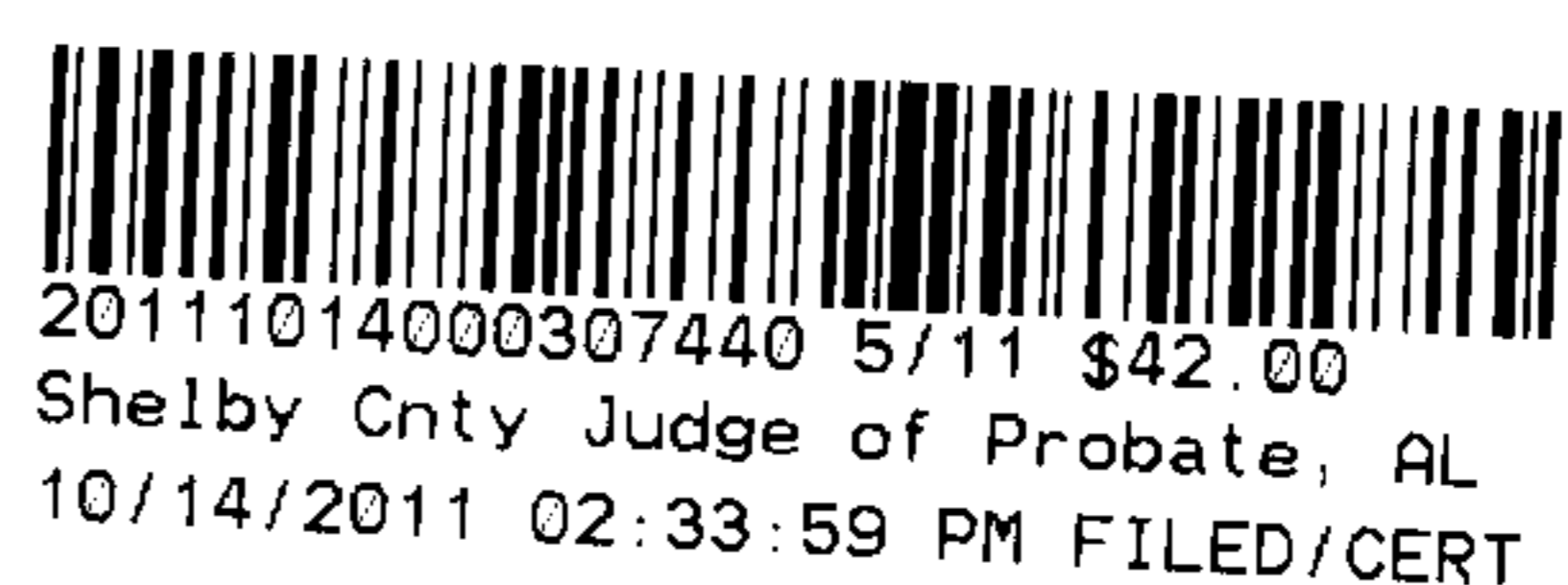
(6) **Power to Demand and Receive.** My Agent is authorized to demand, arbitrate, settle, sue for, collect, receive, deposit, expend for my benefit, reinvest or make such other appropriate disposition of as my Agent deems appropriate, all cash, rights to the payment of cash, property, real, personal, intangible and/or mixed, debts, dues rights, accounts, legacies, bequests, devises, dividends, annuities, rights and/or benefits to which I am now or may in the future become entitled.

(7) **Power with Respect to Bank Accounts.** My Agent is authorized to establish accounts of all kinds, including checking and savings, for me with financial institutions of any kinds, including but not limited to banks and thrift institutions; to make deposits to and write checks on or make withdrawals from and grant security interests in all accounts in my name or with respect to which I am an authorized signatory, to negotiate, endorse or transfer any checks or other instruments with respect to any such accounts; to contract for any services rendered by any bank or financial institution.

(8) **Power with Respect to Legal and Other Actions.** My Agent is authorized to institute, supervise, prosecute, defend, intervene in, abandon, compromise, arbitrate, settle, dismiss, and appeal from any and all legal, equitable, judicial or administrative hearings, actions, suits, proceedings, attachments, arrests or distresses, involving me in any way.

(9) **Power to Borrow Money.** My Agent is authorized to borrow money from any lender for my account on such terms and conditions and security as my Agent shall deem appropriate; to borrow money on any life insurance policies owned by me on my life.

(10) **Power with Respect to Taxes.** My Agent is authorized to represent me in all tax matters; to prepare, sign, and file federal, state, and/or local income, gift and other tax



returns of all kinds, and any power of attorney form appointing an agent required by the Internal Revenue Service and/or any state and/or local taxing authority.

ARTICLE III

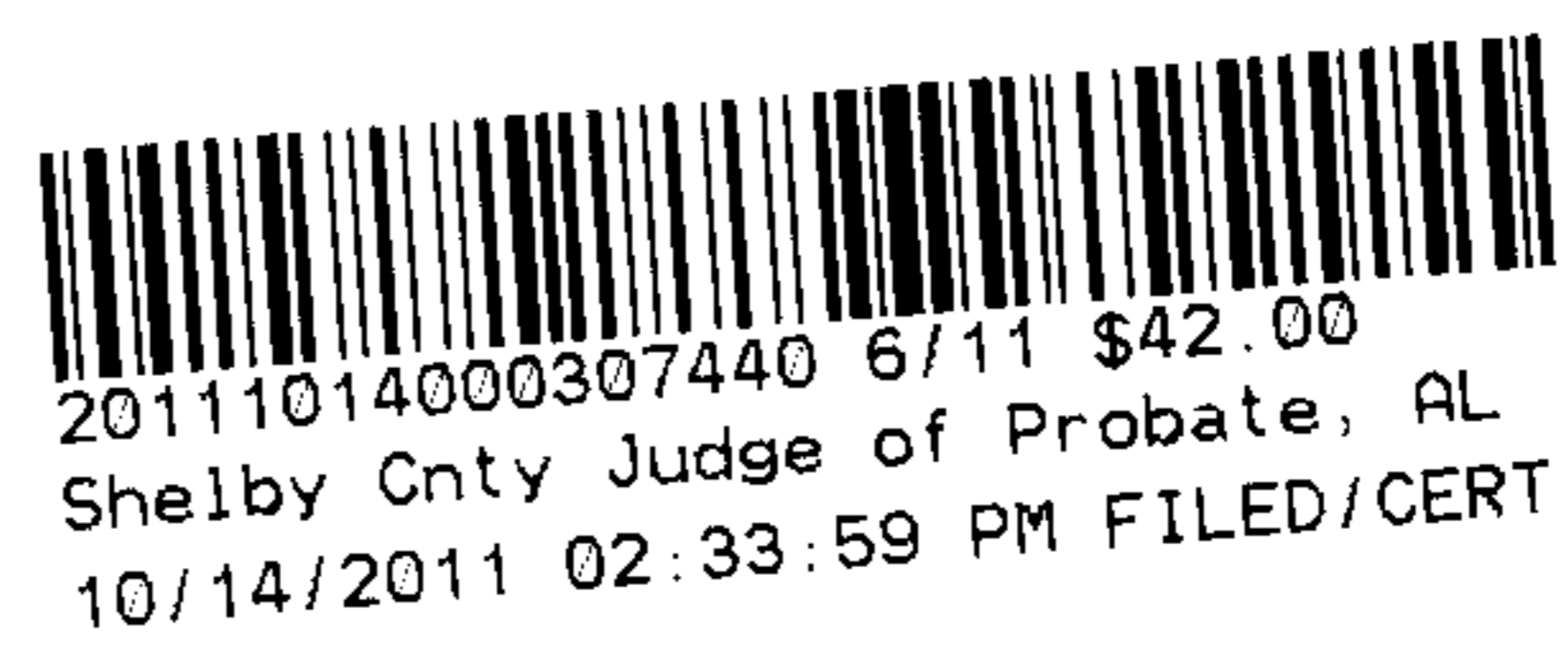
HEALTH CARE

My Agent is authorized in my Agent's sole and absolute discretion from time to time and at any time to exercise the authority described below relating to matters involving my health and medical care.

(1) **Medical Records.** My Agent is authorized to request, receive and review any information, verbal or written, regarding my personal affairs or my physical or mental health, including medical and hospital records, and to execute any releases or other documents that may be required to obtain such information, and to disclose or deny such information to such persons, organizations, firms or corporations as my Agent shall deem appropriate

(2) **Power to Give, Withhold, or Withdraw Consent to Health Care Treatment.** My Agent is authorized to give, withhold, withdraw or modify consent to any health care procedures, tests or treatments, including surgery; to arrange for my hospitalization, convalescent care, hospice or home care; to summon paramedics or other emergency medical personnel and seek emergency treatment for me, as my Agent shall deem appropriate; to give, withhold, withdraw or modify consent to such procedures, tests and treatments, as well as hospitalization, convalescent care, hospice or home care which I or my Agent may have previously allowed or consented to or which may have been implied due to emergency conditions. My Agent's decisions should be guided by taking into account (1) the provisions of this instrument, (2) any reliable evidence of preferences that I may have expressed on the subject whether before or after the execution of this document, (3) what my Agent believes I would want done in the circumstances if I were able to express myself, and (4) any information given to my Agent by the physicians treating me as to my health care diagnosis and prognosis and the intrusiveness, pain, risks, and side effects of the treatment.

(3) **Psychiatric Treatment.** My Agent is authorized to arrange, on the execution of a certificate by two independent psychiatrists who have examined me and in whose opinions I am in immediate need of hospitalization because of mental disorder, alcoholism or drug abuse, for my voluntary admission to an appropriate hospital or institution for treatment of the diagnosed problem or disorder; to arrange for private psychiatric and psychological treatment for me; and to revoke, modify, withdraw or change consent to such hospitalization, institutionalization or private treatment which I or my Agent may have previously given. The consent of my Agent to my hospitalization for psychiatric help, alcoholism or drug abuse shall have the same legal effect, subject to applicable local law, as a voluntary admission made by me.



ARTICLE IV

INCIDENTAL POWERS

Incidental Powers. In connection with the exercise of the powers herein described, my Agent is fully authorized and empowered to perform any acts and things and to execute and deliver any documents, instruments, certificates and papers necessary or appropriate to such exercise or exercises.

ARTICLE V

THIRD PARTY RELIANCE

For the purpose of inducing all persons, organizations, corporations and entities, including but not limited to any physician, hospital, nursing home, health care provider, bank, broker, custodian, insurer, lender, transfer agent, taxing authority, governmental agency, or other party, all of whom will be referred to in this Article as a "Person", to act in accordance with the instructions of my Agent as authorized in this instrument, I hereby represent, warrant and agree to the following:

(1) **Revocation and Amendments.** If this instrument is revoked or amended for any reason, I, my estate and my personal representative will hold any person, organization, corporation or entity, hereinafter referred to in the aggregate as "Person", harmless.

(2) **No Liability for Reliance on Agent.** No Person who relies in good faith on the authority of my Agent under this instrument shall incur any liability to me, my estate or my personal representative.

(3) **Principal and Heirs Bound.** No Person who relies on any affidavit or certificate under penalty of perjury that this instrument specifically authorizes my Agent to execute and deliver shall incur any liability to me, my estate or my personal representative.

ARTICLE VI

DURABILITY PROVISION

Immediate Power. This power of attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incapacity, or lapse of time.

ARTICLE VII



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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The following provisions shall apply:

(1) **Reimbursement of Agent.** My Agent shall be entitled to reimbursement for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, actually incurred and paid by my Agent on my behalf at any time under any provision of this instrument. My Agent shall not be entitled to compensation for services rendered hereunder.

(2) **Counterpart Originals.** If this instrument has been executed in multiple counterpart originals, each such counterpart original shall have equal force and effect.

(3) **Photocopies.** My Agent is authorized to make photocopies of this instrument as frequently and in such quantity as my Agent shall deem appropriate. Each photocopy shall have the same force and effect as any original.

(4) **Binding Effect.** This instrument and actions taken by my Agent properly authorized hereunder shall be binding on me, my estate and my personal representative.


(5) **Governing Law.** This instrument shall be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama in all respects.

2nd day of March, 2010. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Durable Power of Attorney this

Karen Francis
KAREN FRANCIS, PRINCIPAL
[Redacted]
Social Security Number

WITNESSES:

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Lake View, AL 35111
Stephanie Jones 1345 W. Willow Creek Pl.
Abolaster, AL 35007


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Acknowledgment and Acceptance by Agent. The undersigned acknowledges and accepts appointment as Agent, and agrees to serve as Agent, under this instrument.


William O. Tant
WILLIAM O. TANT, AGENT

[REDACTED]
Social Security Number

[REDACTED]
Telephone Number

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FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034
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STATE OF Alabama

COUNTY OF Shelby

me this 2nd **Notarial Acknowledgment.** The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before day of March, 2010 by **WILLIAM O. TANT.**

Kelly B. Furgerson
(Signature of Person Taking Acknowledgment)

KELLY B. FURGERSON
Notary Public - Alabama State At Large
My Commission Expires 10 / 27 / 2010

Notary Public
(Title or Rank)

(Serial Number, if any)

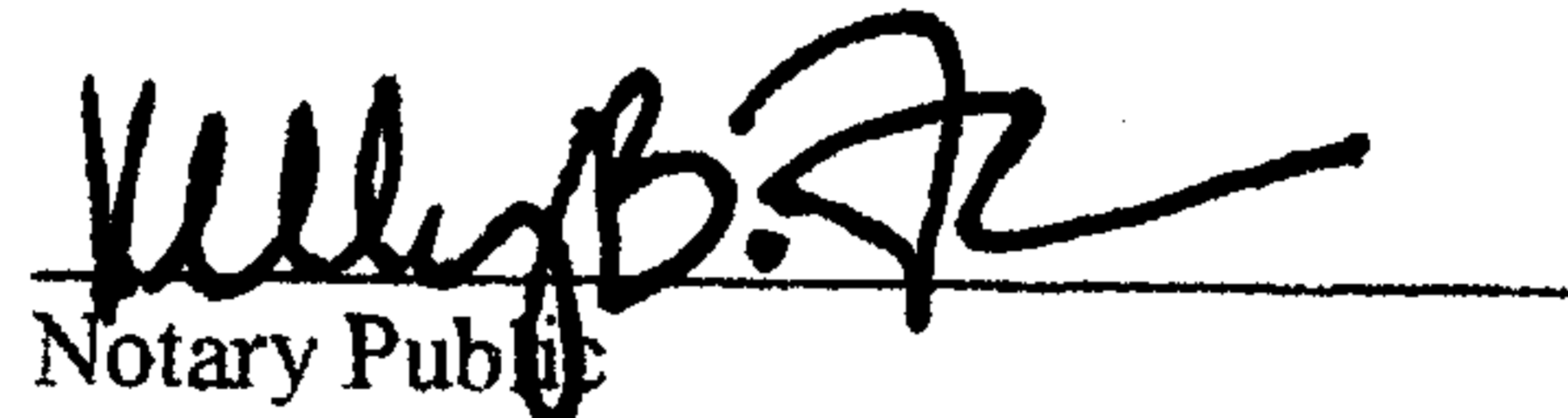


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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that KAREN FRANCIS, whose name is signed to the foregoing Durable Special Power of Attorney, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the said Durable Special Power of Attorney, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 2ND day of MARCH, 2010.



Notary Public

Print Name: KELLY B. FURGERSON

Commission Expires: 10-20-2014

KELLY B. FURGERSON
Notary Public, State of Alabama
Alabama State At Large
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