

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
JEFFERSON COUNTY )

**DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT:**

I, **MARY T. THOMPSON**, a resident citizen of Shelby County, Alabama, do hereby make, constitute and appoint, my nephew, **FORNEY E. HOWARD**, as my true and lawful attorney, giving and granting to him, the power and authority, to act in, and for that purpose for me and in my name and stead, and as my act and deed to do and execute all or any of the following acts and deeds:

(1) To buy, lease, or otherwise acquire, to sell, convey, transfer, assign, lease, manage or otherwise encumber or dispose of, any property, real, personal and/or mixed, in which I now hold an interest or which I hereafter acquire, upon such terms as my said attorney, shall think proper;

(2) To make, do and transact all and every kind of business, including the receipt, collection, payment, satisfaction of record, settlement, and adjustment of any accounts, legacies, insurance claims, other claims, debts, interests, dividends, demands and obligations, which may now or hereafter be due, owing or payable by me or to me;

(3) To make, endorse, receive, sign, acknowledge, execute and deliver for me and in my name and stead deeds, leases, transfers, bills of sale, withdrawals, assignments, agreements, contracts, checks, notes, mortgages and any other instruments in writing pertaining to any property, real or personal, in which I now hold an interest or which I may hereafter acquire;

(4) To deposit and withdraw in my name in or from any banking institution any funds or monies, which I now or hereafter may have or be entitled to.

(5) To enter at will any and all safety deposit boxes of mine in my stead and to remove therefrom any and all documents and/or other contents thereof.

(6) To prepare, execute and file income and other tax returns or other reports of like nature.

Giving and granting unto my said attorney, full power and authority to do and perform, all and every act, deed or thing in and about my estate, property, person and affairs as fully and effectually as I might or could do in my own person, if personally present, and I do hereby ratify all that my said attorney, shall do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.


Grantor, by this Power of Attorney, specifically grants to her attorney a durable power of attorney and this power of attorney shall not be affected by the disability, incompetency or incapacity of Grantor and shall continue in the event of any such disability, incompetency, or incapacity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 4th day of December, 1997.

Mary T. Thompson (SEAL)

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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL  
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I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that **Mary T. Thompson**, 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, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 4th day of December, 1997.

C. A. [Signature]  
Notary Public