

**STATE OF ALABAMA**

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**MORGAN COUNTY**

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**GENERAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS**, that I, Michael Anthony Ross, the undersigned, a resident of Morgan County, Alabama, do hereby make, constitute and appoint Rita Mae Ross, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact for me and in my name, place and stead, and on my behalf, and for my use and benefit:

1. To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have, or may hereafter acquire the legal right, power, or capacity to exercise or perform, in connection with, arising from, or relating to any person, item, transaction, thing, business property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or matter whatsoever;
2. To request, ask, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive and hold and possess all such sums of money, debts, checks, accounts, deposits, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension and retirement benefits, insurance benefits and proceeds, any and all documents of title, choses in action, personal and real property, intangible and tangible property and property rights, belonging to me or in which I have or may hereafter acquire any interest, and to have, use, and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies, procedures, and writs in my name for the collection and recovery thereof, and to adjust, sell, compromise, and agree for the same, and to make, execute, and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, acquittances, releases, receipts, or other sufficient discharges for the same, and to compromise and settle any claim for me or against me;
3. To lease, purchase, exchange, acquire and sell and to agree, bargain, and contract for the sale, lease, purchase, exchange, or acquisition of, and to convey, accept, take, receive and possess any real or personal property whatsoever, tangible or intangible, or interest thereon, on such terms and conditions, and under such covenants, as said attorney-in-fact shall deem proper, including the power to provide articles of personal property for my needs and domestic, dental, hospital and nursing services and housing, room, board, and other services considered by my said attorney to be necessary or suitable;

4. To make, sign, endorse, execute, acknowledge, deliver such applications, contracts, agreements, options, covenants, conveyances, deeds, trust deeds, security agreements, bills of sale, assignments, insurance policies, bills, bonds, debentures, checks, drafts, bills of exchange, letters of credit, notes, stock certificates, proxies, warrants, commercial paper, receipts, withdrawal receipts and deposit instruments relating to accounts or deposits in, or certificates of deposit of, banks, savings and loan or other institutions or associations, proofs of loss, evidences of debts, releases, and satisfaction of mortgages, liens, judgments, security agreements and other debts and obligations and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers herein granted;
5. To buy, purchase, receive hold, sell exchange and negotiate, present for payment, cash, suspend or dispose of any United States Treasury obligation, any obligation of the United States of America and any obligation of any agency, department or instrumentality of the United States, any State of the United States and any political subdivision thereof, agency, department, corporation or institution, including, but not limited to, Treasury Bills, Coupons, Warrants, Bonds, Checks, Drafts, Tax Refunds, Social Security and Medicare Checks and otherwise;
6. To have access to any safe deposit box in which I have a right of entry;
7. To conduct, engage in and transact any and all lawful business of whatever nature or kind for me, on my behalf and in my name;
8. To appear and represent me in regard to and to take all actions convenient or appropriate in connection with taxes imposed by any municipality, State, or the United States of America relating to any tax liability or refund, abatement or credit (including interest or penalties) due or alleged to be due from me or to me, signing, executing, verifying acknowledging or paying any tax due or filing of a return or report, including without limitation, federal or state income or gift taxes; and for that purpose to inspect or receive copies of any tax returns filed by or for me, reports or other papers or documents, compromises or adjustments of any and all claims, and any other forms required by the Internal Revenue Service or any other governmental agent from time to time in regard to the granting of powers of attorney and to name himself or any other person as my attorney thereunder;
9. To change the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any policy or policies of life insurance with respect to which I have the right to change the beneficiary, provided, however, that such right shall not include the right to change the beneficiary to the attorney-in-fact's interest;



10. To make gifts from time to time to anyone related to me by blood or marriage, including to my attorney-in-fact, in an amount not to exceed the annual gift tax exclusion as provided in Section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
11. I grant to said attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do, take and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, proper, or necessary to be done, in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.
12. This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general power of attorney. The enumeration of specific items, right, acts or powers herein is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict, and is not to be construed or interpreted as limiting or restricting, the general powers herein granted to said attorney-in-fact.
13. The rights, powers and authority of said attorney-in-fact herein granted shall commence and be in full force and effect immediately, and such rights, powers and authority shall remain in full force and effect thereafter until such time as it is specifically terminated by written notice delivered to such attorney by me and filed for record in the Office of the Probate Judge of Morgan County, Alabama.
14. This power of attorney shall not be affected by the disability, incompetence or incapacity of the principal, as this power of attorney is intended to be a durable power of attorney and the authority conferred shall be exercisable notwithstanding my subsequent disability, incompetence or incapacity and it will survive and remain in full force and effect during any such period.
15. It is my request that if proceedings are commenced to appoint a guardian, curator, conservator or other fiduciary on my behalf and if the court concludes that such should be done, the court shall appoint Rita Mae Ross as such guardian, curator conservator or other fiduciary.
16. If Rita Mae Ross declines to serve or dies, becomes incapable of service, or resigns by recording a letter of resignation addressed to the principal and filed for record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Morgan County, Alabama, Melvin Tran Griffin and Thomas Joseph Rohlf, acting together, shall serve as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact with the same powers and rights as herein

provided. If either Melvin Tran Griffin or Thomas Joseph Rohlf should decline to serve or die, become incapable of service, or resign by recording a letter of resignation addressed to the principal and filed for record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Morgan County, Alabama, then the other of them acting alone shall serve as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact with the same powers and rights as herein provided.

17. No bond shall be required of Rita Mae Ross, Melvin Tran Griffin or Thomas Joseph Rohlf to serve hereunder as attorney-in-fact or as guardian, curator, conservator or other fiduciary.
18. All nouns, pronouns, and other terms used herein shall include the masculine, neuter, singular and plural forms thereof whenever appropriate to the context hereof.

DATED this 15 day of May, 1997.

  
Michael Anthony Ross

STATE OF ALABAMA

MORGAN COUNTY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, certify that Michael Anthony Ross, 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, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1997.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 09-23-97

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