

**GENERAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Hazel G. McNorton, of the County of Clarke, State of Alabama, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint my children, James Edward McNorton, III, Thomas Paul McNorton, Joseph Gregory McNorton and Barbara M. Neel, jointly, and not individually, as my true and lawful Attorney and Agent (hereinafter called "Agent"), for me in my name, place and stead, and for my behalf and benefit:

1. **GENERAL GRANT OF POWER:** To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have or may hereafter acquire, relating to any person, lawsuit, or any other matter, transaction or property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, now owned or hereafter acquired by me, including, without limitation, the following specifically enumerated powers. I grant to my Agent full power and authority to do everything necessary in exercising any of the powers herein granted as fully as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my Agent shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the powers herein granted:

(a) **Powers of Collection and Payment:** To forgive, request, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive, and hold all such sums of money, debts, dues, commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, gifts, notes, interests, stock certificates, certificates of limited partnership, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension, profit sharing, retirement, social security, insurance, and other contractual benefits and proceeds, all documents of title, all real and personal property, intangible and tangible property and property rights and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, now or hereafter owned by, or due, owing, payable or belonging to me, or in which I have or may hereafter acquire an interest; to have, use, and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies and proceedings in my name for the collection and recovery thereof, and to adjust, sell, compromise, and agree for the same, and to execute and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, releases, receipts, or other sufficient discharges for the same;

(b) **Power to Acquire and Sell:** To acquire, purchase, exchange and grant options to sell, mortgage, pledge, lease, and convey real or personal property, tangible or intangible, or interests therein, on such terms and conditions as my Agent shall deem proper, with full authority to sign, endorse, execute and deliver any sales agreement, deed, bill of sale and all other instruments or documents pertaining to the sale of any of my real or personal property; and to enter into bonds, contracts, notes, mortgages and deeds connected therewith;

(c) **Management Powers:** To maintain, repair, improve, invest, manage, insure, rent, lease, encumber, and in any manner deal with any real or personal property, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, that I now own or may hereafter acquire in my name and for my benefit, upon such terms and conditions as my Agent shall deem proper;

(d) **Banking Powers:** To make, receive and endorse checks and drafts, deposit and withdraw funds, acquire and redeem certificates of deposit, in banks, savings and loan associations and other institutions, execute or release such deeds of trust or other security agreements as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers herein granted;

(e) **Motor Vehicles:** To apply for a Certificate of Title upon, and endorse and transfer title thereto, for any automobile, truck, pickup, van or other motor vehicle, and to represent in such transfer assignment that the title to said motor vehicle is free and

clear of all liens and encumbrances except those specifically set forth in such transfer assignment;

(f) **Business Interests:** To conduct or participate in any lawful business whether in the form of a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, corporation or otherwise (including any family businesses in which I may own an interest along with any member of my family), in whatever legal form conducted for me and in my name; to execute partnership or limited partnership agreements and amendments thereto; to incorporate, reorganize, merge, consolidate, recapitalize, sell, liquidate or dissolve any business; to elect or employ officers, directors, or agents; to carry out the provisions of any agreement for the sale of any business interest or the stock therein; to buy an interest in any business from any person (including the Agent named herein or any member of my family) at such time and upon such terms and conditions as in the sole judgment of the Agent is in my best interest, and to exercise voting rights with respect to stock, joint ventures, partnership interests, or limited partnership interests, either in person or by proxy, and to exercise stock options;

(g) **Tax Powers:** To prepare, sign and file income tax returns or declarations of estimated tax for any year or years; to prepare, sign and file gift tax returns with respect to gifts made by me for any year or years; to consent to any tax election; and to prepare, sign and file any claims for refund of any tax;

(h) **Safe Deposit Boxes:** To have access at any time or times to any safe deposit box rented by me, wheresoever located, and to remove all or any part of the contents thereof, and to surrender or relinquish said safe deposit box, and any institution in which any such safe deposit box may be located shall not incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my Agent to exercise this power;

(i) **Power to Change Beneficiaries on Any Insurance Policies on My Life:**  
To change the beneficiaries on any insurance policies on my life, and my said Agent is specifically granted the power to name himself, or in his sole discretion, to name any of my brother, sister or niece as beneficiaries or co-beneficiaries of said insurance policies;

(j) **Power to Hold Property and Make Investments:** The power to hold or acquire any property or securities, regardless of whether such property or securities are a so-called "legal" investment, where such course is, in said Agent's opinion, for my best interest;

(k) **Medical Care:** I grant my Agent the power to authorize my admission to a medical, nursing, residential or similar facility and to enter into agreements for my care, and to authorize any medical or surgical procedures deemed necessary for my health and well being.

(l) **Delegation of Authority:** I grant to my Agent the right and power to delegate the management powers hereinabove granted over all or any part of my assets to any bank or trust company and to enter into any management or agency agreements with the said bank or trust company pertaining thereto, with the right on the part of my Agent named herein to revoke and cancel any such agreement at any time upon not more than ninety (90) days written notice to said bank or trust company;

(m) **Gifts:** I grant full and absolute authority to my Agent named herein to make gifts to any child or children of my brothers or sisters. Any decisions made by my Agent with respect to any said gifts shall be final, binding and conclusive upon all of the beneficiaries of my estate, and my Agent shall be released and discharged of and from all liability for any such decisions that my Agent may make with respect thereto.

(n) **Miscellaneous:** I grant my Agent the power to create a trust for my benefit of any or all of my property or make additions to any trust for my primary benefit already in existence, and to withdraw and receive the income or corpus of a trust.

2. **THIRD PARTY RELIANCE:** Third parties may rely upon the representations of my Agent as to all matters relating to any power granted to my Agent, and no person who may act in reliance upon the representations of my Agent or the authority granted to my Agent shall incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my Agent to exercise any power.

**3. NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN OR CURATOR:** In the event court proceedings are hereafter commenced to appoint a guardian, curator or other fiduciary to take charge of, manage and conserve my property, I hereby nominate and appoint my Agent above-named as my guardian, curator, or other fiduciary.

**4. INTERPRETATION AND GOVERNING LAW/EFFECTIVENESS:**

(a) The enumeration of specific powers herein is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict the general powers herein granted to my Agent. This instrument is executed and delivered in the State of Alabama, and the laws of the State of Alabama shall govern all questions as to the validity of this power and the construction of its provisions.

(b) This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general durable power of attorney. This power of attorney shall become effective upon the disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the principal.

**5. SUBSTITUTE AGENT:** The Agent may delegate or appoint a successor Agent who shall have all the powers of Agent granted herein. Any such delegation or appointment shall be in writing..

**6. TERMINATION:** The powers hereby granted, once effective, can only be revoked by me by a writing, specifically referring to this document, with such written revocation only becoming effective upon being personally delivered to the Agent.

Dated the 8th day of August, 1994.

Hazel G. McNorton  
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PRINCIPAL

WITNESS:

Charles Fulton  
Julius Mayfield

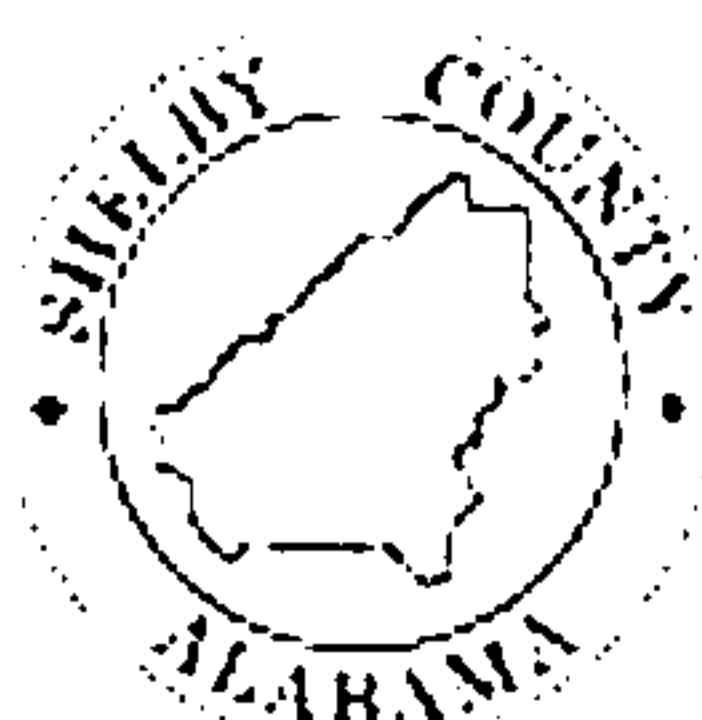
STATE OF ALABAMA]  
COUNTY OF MOBILE]

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, State-at-Large, hereby certify that Hazel G. McNorton, 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 this instrument, the said Hazel G. McNorton executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and official seal this, the 8th day of August, 1994.



Margaret K. Reed  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: MAY COMMISSION EXPIRES 5/3/95



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