

**DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

1. **KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That I, MARY K. PATE, residing in Shelby County, Alabama, hereby make, constitute and appoint DONALD R. PATE, CELITA PATE DEEM, and DONALD R. PATE, JR., or any one of them, as my true and lawful Attorneys-in-Fact, to act in, manage and conduct all of my affairs, **except for and excluding any matter related to my NextEra Energy, Inc. Business Interest. My NextEra Energy, Inc. Business Interest Means:**

- (i) That certain option contract between myself and NextEra Energy, Inc. which I executed in 2016 and which concerns leasing rights in connection with property in Greene County, Alabama.
- (ii) Any contract that succeeds to the original option contract.
- (iii) Any contract with NextEra Energy, Inc. or a successor entity as shall succeed to the business of NextEra Energy, Inc. by purchase, merger, consolidation or change of name.

My true and lawful Attorneys-in-Fact for that purpose, in my name, place and stead, may do and execute all powers now or hereafter conferred by law, and without limiting such powers, **except with regard to my NextEra Energy, Inc. Business Interest**, to do and execute any of the following acts, deeds and things:

- (a) To have and gain entry and access to my safe deposit box or vault at any time; to remove any or all contents thereof; to sign any papers or documents relating thereto; to deposit any papers, documents or securities in such safe deposit box or vault and to do with respect to any of the contents of said safe deposit box or vault as my Attorneys-in-Fact may see fit;
- (b) To sell, lease, exchange or dispose of any of my real estate and/or personal property to any person or persons, for any price, and upon such terms and conditions, for cash or on credit, as they may deem fit, and to execute any contracts, conveyances, or other instruments whatsoever, with full covenants of warranty;
- (c) To conduct or participate in any lawful business for me and in my name, including, without limitation, corporations, general or limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships or limited liability companies; to form, organize, incorporate, reorganize, merge, consolidate, recapitalize, sell, liquidate or dissolve any business; to elect or employ officers, directors and agents for any business; to carry out the provisions of any agreement for the sale of any business interest or the stock therein; and to exercise voting rights, either in person or by proxy, and to exercise stock options;
- (d) To demand, recover and receive, all and any sums of money, debts or effects, due, payable, coming or belonging to me;
- (e) To borrow sums of money from time to time from any person, firm or corporation, including the borrowing of any sums from any insurance company, and to make and execute promissory notes, mortgages, pledges of insurance policies and any other transfers of security;
- (f) To sign checks and otherwise withdraw funds from any bank accounts or other accounts, to endorse any checks, to deposit any checks or other sums in any bank account;

(g) With respect to my brokerage accounts, to effect purchases and sales (including short sales), to subscribe for and to trade in stocks, bonds, options, rights, and warrants or other securities, domestic or foreign, whether dollar or non-dollar denominated, or limited partnership interests or investments and trust units, whether or not in negotiable form, issued or unissued, foreign exchange, commodities, and contracts relating to same (including commodity futures) on margin or otherwise for my account and risk; to deliver to my broker securities for my account and to instruct my broker to deliver securities from my accounts to any third party, or to my Attorneys-in-Fact under Subparagraph 1(x) hereunder, and in such name and form as my Attorneys-in-Fact may direct; to instruct my broker to make payment of moneys from my accounts with my broker, and to receive and direct payment therefrom payable to any third party; to sell, assign, endorse and transfer any stocks, bonds, options, rights and warrants or other securities of any nature, at any time standing in my name and to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the foregoing; to receive statements of transactions made for my account(s); to approve and confirm the same, to receive any and all notices, calls for margin, or other demands with reference to my account(s); and to make any and all agreements with my broker with reference thereto for me and in my behalf.

The power granted herein shall apply to all brokerage accounts that I may have from time to time and any brokerage accounts established by my Attorneys-in-Fact. I further authorize my Attorneys-in-Fact to execute on my behalf any powers of attorney in whatever form which may be required by any broker with whom I have deposited any securities;

(h) To purchase any goods, merchandise, stocks, bonds or other personal property, on my account and for such prices and in such amounts as they may deem proper;

(i) To settle and adjust all accounts and demands now subsisting or which may hereafter subsist between me and any person or persons as they may deem proper;

(j) To pay and discharge all debts and demands due or payable or which may hereafter become due and payable by me unto any persons, firms or corporations;

(k) To redeem or cause to be redeemed any bonds, including United States Government Bonds, belonging to me;

(l) To vote at the meetings of stockholders or other meetings of any corporation, to act as my Attorneys-in-Fact or proxy in respect of any stocks, shares or other instruments now or hereafter held by me therein, and for that purpose to execute any proxies or other instruments;

(m) To commence and prosecute any suit or action which they shall deem proper for the recovery, possession or enjoyment of any thing or matter which is or which may hereafter be due, payable or belonging to me; to defend any suit or action which may be brought against me or in which I may be interested as they shall deem proper;

(n) To sign, make, execute and file any Federal or State income tax returns, claims for refund and to defend me against any proposed additional taxes;

(o) To deal with in any and every way possible any retirement plans in which I am a participant, as well as any IRAs that I may own, including without limitation the following: to elect retirement status for me; to direct the investments of any such retirement plan or IRA account; to change or

select any payment options under such plans; to change custodians or trustees; to make "roll-overs" to other retirement plans or into an IRA; to borrow funds under the terms and conditions of any retirement plan; to change beneficiary designations, provided, however, that the exercise of any such change of beneficiary designation shall, to the extent possible, follow my current estate plan;

(p) To exercise any general or special power of appointment provided, however the exercise of any such power of appointment shall, to the extent possible, follow my current estate plan;

(q) To transfer any of my property, real or personal, to the trustee or the trustees of any trust created by me during my lifetime, provided that such trust shall have no beneficiaries other than me during my lifetime, shall last for my lifetime only and shall provide that at my death the trust assets shall either be distributed to my estate or in the same manner as under my Will;

(r) To create a trust for my benefit, naming such trustee or trustees as my Attorneys-in-Fact may select; provided that any such trust shall be revocable by my Attorneys-in-Fact at any time upon notice to the trustees, shall have no beneficiaries other than me during my lifetime, shall last for my lifetime only and which provides that at my death the trust assets shall either be distributed to my estate or in the same manner as under my Will; to transfer any of my property, real or personal, to any such Trust;

(s) To consent to the modification or termination of a noncharitable irrevocable trust even if the modification or termination is inconsistent with a material purpose of the Trust;

(t) To make application for any Federal or State Government benefits, including, without limitation, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid benefits and to be named my Representative Payee;

(u) To establish a new residence or domicile for me within any state of the United States;

(v) To enter any mail box to which I shall have access, whether a United States Post Office or elsewhere, and to surrender the box and terminate the lease at their direction; to sign for any certified or registered mail directed to me, and to execute any order required to forward mail to any location selected by my Attorneys-in-Fact;

(w) To view, access, retrieve, receive, change, open, or close any electronically stored, transmitted, or accessible data, including but not limited to electronic mail and electronic mail accounts, airline mileage or other similar rewards programs, online accounts and statements, academic, financial, tax, or medical records, passwords, user identification numbers, personal identification numbers, and any other electronically sourced data, it being my intention to confer the broadest access power upon my Attorneys-in-Fact;

(x) To make gifts, grants, or other transfers without consideration either outright or in trust (including the forgiveness of indebtedness) to such persons as my Attorneys-in-Fact shall select, including any such person serving as my Attorneys-in-Fact hereunder, and to make payments for the college and post-graduate tuition and medical care of my descendants, all as my Attorneys-in-Fact, in their sole discretion, determines to be desirable to implement plans intended to reduce present or future taxes, to be in my best interests, or in the best interests of my estate, or is in keeping with my prior pattern of giving; provided, however, any such gifts to any person serving as an Attorney-in-Fact hereunder shall not exceed, in any calendar year the limits of the annual exclusion as provided by

§2503(b) and taking into account the availability of §2513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time ("the Code");

(y) To make and file a "qualified disclaimer," under §2518 of the Code, of any portion or all of any estate I may inherit, if my Attorneys-in-Fact shall deem such disclaimer to be in my best interest in accomplishing the goals of my estate plan;

(z) To make health care decisions for me; provided, however, that this particular power shall exist only when I am unable, in the judgment of my attending physician, to make those health care decisions. My Attorneys-in-Fact shall have the power to make health care decisions on my behalf, including making decisions regarding my medical or domiciliary care, including admissions to hospitals or other institutions or placement in a nursing home, to consent to, to refuse to consent to, or to withdraw consent to the provisions of my care, treatment, surgery, service, or procedure to maintain, diagnose or treat a physical or mental condition, as well as the right to sign such medical forms as may be necessary to carry out such decisions, talk with health care personnel, examine my medical records, and to consent to the disclosure of such records. Further, I hereby specifically consent to the release of information to my Attorneys-in-Fact under the following terms and conditions:

(i) such consent shall apply to information of any type, from any physician or other health care professional who may be treating me;

(ii) such consent is intended to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time pursuant to the medical information and privacy law generally referred to as HIPAA; and I specifically authorize all health care providers to regard my Attorneys-in-Fact as my "personal representative" under Section 164.502(g) of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and under any amendments thereto;

(aa) To file claims for medical insurance and to obtain information from any insurance company with respect to any policy of health or medical insurance under which I am insured; to have access to my medical records and to obtain information;

(bb) I may have executed an Advance Directive for Health Care prepared in accordance with Alabama law, but I recognize that an occasion may arise when my physician may wish to consult with someone else regarding the utilization, withholding or withdrawal of certain medical procedures. If my attending physician is uncertain about my wishes regarding any particular procedure, I authorize my Attorneys-in-Fact to consult with my physician in this regard;

(cc) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Advance Directive for Health Care signed by me shall take precedence in the event of a disagreement between my wishes expressed in that document and any decision favored by my Attorneys-in-Fact; and

(dd) To generally do and perform all matters and things, transact all business, make, execute and acknowledge all contracts, orders, deeds or other conveyances, mortgages, leases and to execute all other instruments of every kind which may be necessary or proper to effectuate all powers hereinabove specifically granted, or any other matter or thing appertaining or belonging to me, with the same full powers, and to all intents and purposes, with the same validity as I could, if personally present (giving and granting unto my Attorneys-in-Fact, full power to delegate authority or substitute



one or more attorneys under them, and the same at their pleasure to revoke); and hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever my Attorneys-in-Fact shall and may do, by virtue hereto.

2. The powers herein granted to my Attorneys-in-Fact shall be exercisable by any one of them at any time and from time to time.

3. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect and any party dealing with my Attorneys-in-Fact at any time shall be fully protected and is hereby discharged, released and indemnified from so doing in respect of any matter relating hereto unless such particular party shall have received prior notice in writing of the revocation of this power.

4. THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY MY DISABILITY, INCOMPETENCY OR INCAPACITY AND MAY BE EXERCISED NOTWITHSTANDING ANY SUCH DISABILITY, INCOMPETENCY OR INCAPACITY AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER I AM DEAD OR ALIVE.


5. For myself, my heirs, my successors and assigns, I hereby release, exonerate and hold harmless my Attorney-in-Fact for any and all actions taken pursuant to this Power of Attorney; provided, however, my Attorney-in-Fact shall not be released from liability for actions committed dishonestly, with an improper motive or with reckless indifference to the purposes of this Power of Attorney or to my best interest or for actions that are an abuse of this confidential, fiduciary relationship.

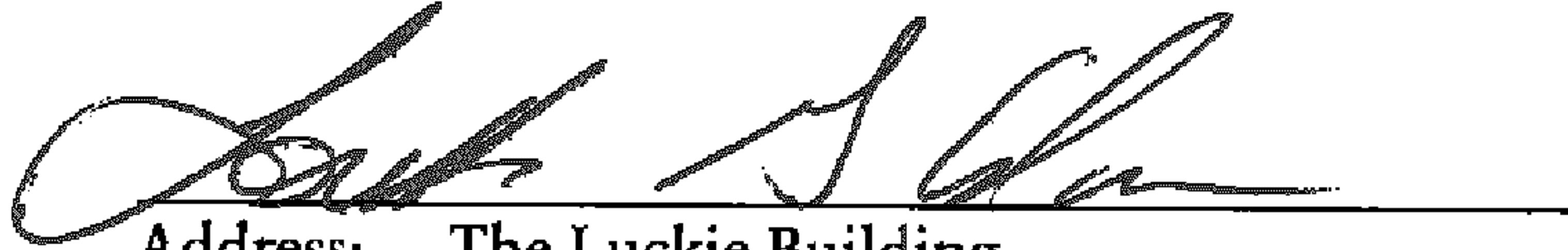
6. If at any time proceedings are commenced in any court to appoint a guardian, conservator or other fiduciary for me, then I nominate DONALD R. PATE to serve as such fiduciary, and I direct that no bond be required with respect to this appointment. If DONALD R. PATE shall die, resign, or otherwise cease to serve as such fiduciary, then I nominate CELITA PATE DEEM to serve as such fiduciary, and I direct that no bond be required with respect to this appointment. If CELITA PATE DEEM shall die, resign, or otherwise cease to serve as such fiduciary, then I nominate DONALD R. PATE, JR. to serve as such fiduciary, and I direct that no bond be required with respect to this appointment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on 12-6-16, 2016.

  
 MARY K. PATE

The person signing above has been personally known to me and I believe her to be of sound mind. I did not sign her signature for her or at her direction and I am not appointed as the health care proxy under any Advance Directive for Health Care executed by her. I am not related to the person signing above by blood, adoption, or marriage, entitled to any portion of her estate according to the laws of intestate succession or under any will executed by her or codicil thereto, or directly financially responsible for her medical care.

  
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 600 Luckie Drive, Suite 310  
 Birmingham, Alabama 35223

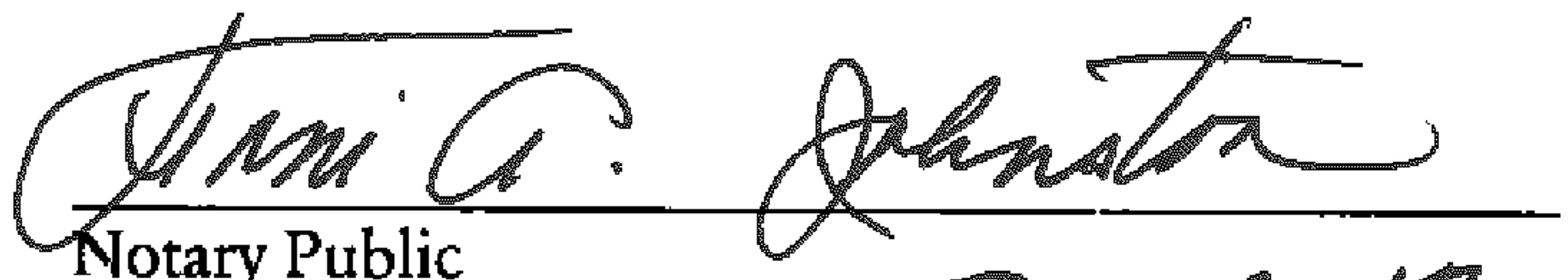
  
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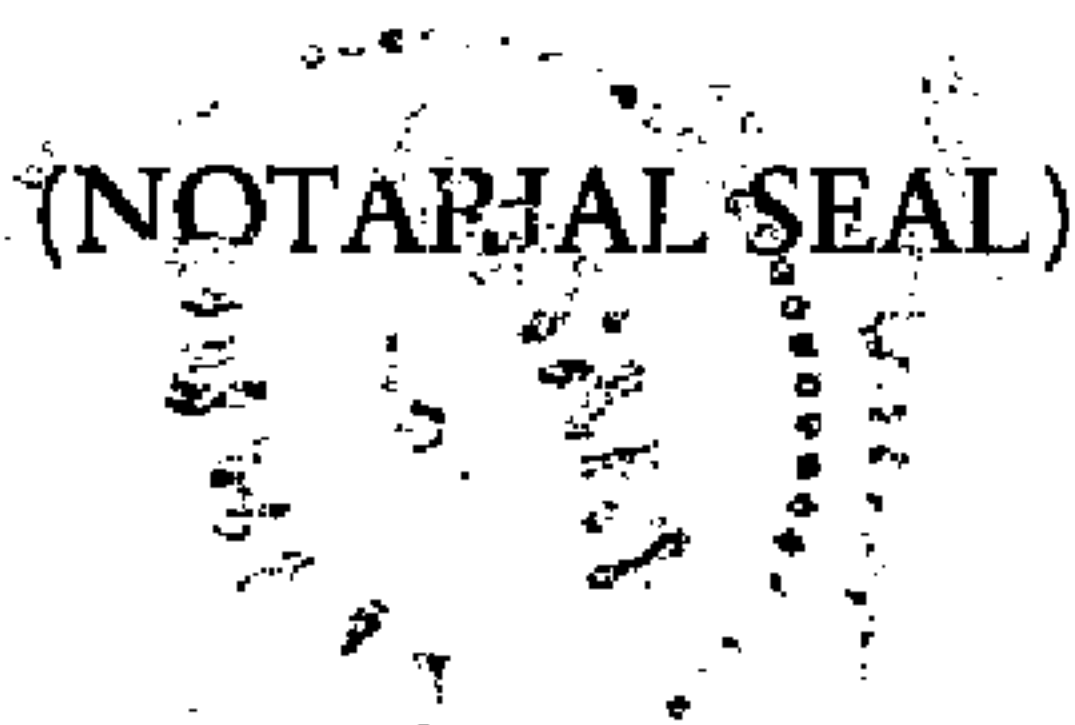
STATE OF ALABAMA        )

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON    )

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

Given under my hand and official seal on Dec 6, 2016.

  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires: 8-20-17



### Execution of Documents as Attorney-in-Fact

When executing any document as Attorney-in-Fact, you should sign the document indicating that you are signing in your capacity as Attorney-in-Fact. Since MARY K. PATE appointed you her Attorney-in-Fact, you should sign as follows:

“MARY K. PATE” (sign the principal’s name)

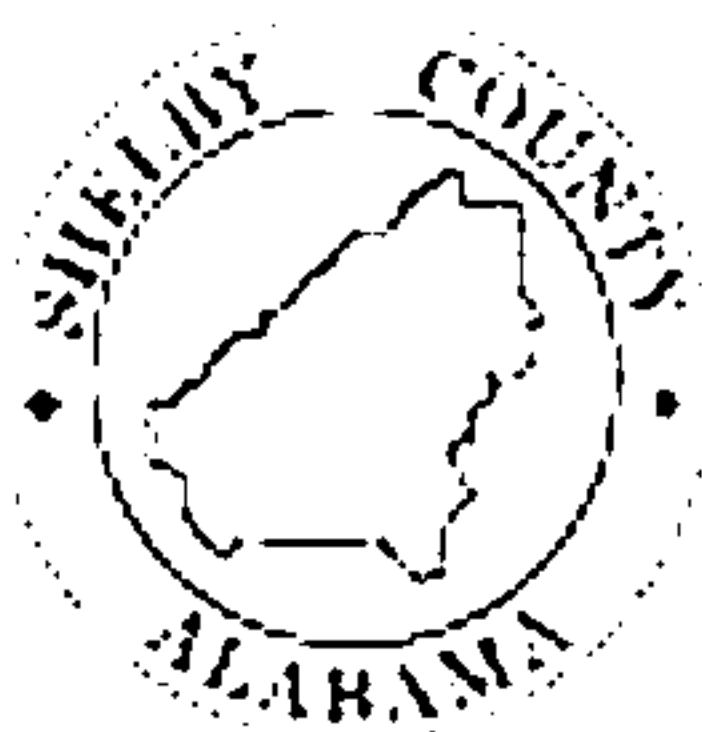
by: DONALD R. PATE (signature), her Attorney-in-Fact

or

by: CELITA PATE DEEM (signature), her Attorney-in-Fact

or

by: DONALD R. PATE, JR. (signature), her Attorney-in-Fact.



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