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COUNTY OF SHELBY)



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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

LORETTA J. JAMES

I, LORETTA J. JAMES, a resident of the State of Alabama, being over the age of nineteen (19) years, and being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this instrument as and for any Last Will and Testament and hereby expressly revoke any and all Wills, Codicils and other testamentary dispositions heretofore made by me.

ITEM 1: DEBTS AND FUNERAL EXPENSES

I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as may be practicable. In the event there is any indebtedness owing by me, whether secured or unsecured, which as not matured at the time of my death, I authorize my Personal Representative to pay such indebtedness either in full or according to the terms and tenor of any instrument evidencing such indebtedness as my Personal Representative may deem best advisable under the then existing circumstances.

ITEM 2: PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) I give all the tangible personal property that I own at my death, including any household furniture and furnishings, automobiles, book, pictures, jewelry, art objects, hobby equipment and collections, club memberships and stadium certificates, wearing apparel, and other articles of household or personal use or ornament, together with any insurance on any



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specific item, to TERRENCE F. JAMES ("my spouse"), if my spouse survives me, or, if my spouse does not survive me, to my children who survive me, in shares of substantially equal value, to be divided in such a manner as they shall agree, or if they shall fail to agree upon a division within six months after the date of my death, as my Personal representative shall determine.

- (b) All costs of safeguarding, insuring, packing, and storing my tangible personal property before its distribution and of delivering of each item to the place of residence of the beneficiary of that item shall be deemed to be expenses of administration of my estate.

ITEM 3: RESIDUARY ESTATE

- (a) I hereby give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of whatever kind or character, and wheresoever situated, to my husband, TERRENCE F. JAMES, absolutely, to have and to hold.
- (b) If my husband fails to survive me, I hereby give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to my children, living at the time of my death, and to the issues of any of my deceased children, who shall predecease me, leaving issues surviving, in equal shares, per stirpes absolutely.

ITEM 4: APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

- (a) I hereby nominate and appoint my husband, TERRENCE F. JAMES, to serve as Personal Representative under my Last Will and Testament. In the event that TERRENCE F. JAMES, shall fail to qualify, die, resign, become incompetent, or otherwise fail or cease to serve as Personal Representative then I appoint SARA K. JAMES, as Personal Representative,



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hereunder. In the event that both TERRENCE F. JAMES and SARA K. JAMES, shall fail to qualify, die, resign, become incompetent, or otherwise fail or cease to serve as Personal Representative then I appoint TALIA F. JAMES, as Personal Representative, hereunder.

- (b) No Personal Representative named herein shall be required to give bond or to file an inventory or accounting in any court, or render any report in court upon final settlement of his acts as Personal Representative, though he shall make out and keep an inventory and maintain records of all transactions relating hereto and shall exhibit the same to any party in interest at a reasonable time.

ITEM 5: MISCELLANEOUS

The following provisions shall govern for all purposes of this Will, wherever they may be applicable:

- (a) If any beneficiary of my estate shall be under any legal disability, or in the sole judgement of the Personal Representative, shall be unable to apply the proceeds of his or her share of my estate to his or her best interests and advantage, the Personal Representative may, in its or his sole discretion, pay or apply income or principal which the Personal Representative is authorized or directed to pay to or for the benefit of such beneficiary in one of the following ways:

- (1) directly to such beneficiary,
- (2) to the legal guardian, conservator or custodian of such beneficiary for the use and benefit of such beneficiary,
- (3) to a relative of such beneficiary to be expended by such relative for the benefit of such beneficiary; or
- (4) by the Personal Representative expending any such income or principal for the benefit of such beneficiary.

- (b) Upon making any payment or transfer hereunder, the Personal Representative shall be discharged as to such payment or transfer without liability for subsequent application thereof.
- (c) Throughout this Will, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and the singular to include the plural, and vice-versa, whenever the context admits such construction.
- (d) In this Will, reference to "child" or "children" mean lawful blood descendants in the first degree of the parent designated, and references to "issue" or "descendants" mean lawful blood descendants of the first, second, or any other degree of the ancestor designated, provided always, however, that an adopted child, whether by myself, my issue or any other person, shall, for all purposes under this Will, whether for the determination of relationships or otherwise, be considered to have and shall be given the same status as natural born children. At the date of this Will, I have the following children: SARA K. JAMES and TALIA F. JAMES.
- (e) In this Will, my second child, TALIA F. JAMES, whose birth certificate was issued as THOMAS F. JAMES, shall refer to one and the same person. Any documents submitted bearing either name shall be deemed to refer to TALIA F. JAMES.
- (f) In this Will, and for the purposes of administering its terms, references to LORETTA J. JAMES, LORYN J. JAMES, or LORETTA KATHRYN JENKS JAMES all refer to me.
- (g) All headings and captions contained in this Will have been included for convenience of reference only, and shall not be construed as part of this Will and shall in no way be construed as defining, limiting or affecting the scope of intent of the provisions of this Will.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said LORETTA J. JAMES, do hereunto set my hand and seal to my Last Will and Testament (containing in all seven (7) pages, including the attestation clause) on this 15th day of January, 2025, and I also affix my initial on the margin of each of the pages hereof.

Loretta J. James
LORETTA J. JAMES

SIGNED, SEALED, PUBLISHED, AND DECLARED by said LORETTA J. JAMES, as and for his Last Will and Testament in our presence and we, in his presence, and at his request and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribe our names as witness on the date and year above written.

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by LORETTA J. JAMES, the Testator. And

subscribed and sworn to before me by TYRONE AARON,

VAN PHILLIPS, and ALDEN SNOW, the witnesses,

this 15th day of January, 2025



John Robin Mason
Notary Public
My Commission Expires
June 1, 2025

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NOTARY PUBLIC

COMMISSION EXPIRES: My Commission Expires
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STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF SHELBY)

I LORETTA J. JAMES, sign my name to this instrument this 15th day of January, 2025, and being first duly sworn, do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that I sign and execute this instrument as my Last Will and Testament and that I sign willingly, that I execute it as my free and voluntary and for the purposes therein expressed, and that I am nineteen (19) years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Loretta J. James
LORETTA J. JAMES

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We, TYRONE AARON, VAN PHILLIPS and

ALDEN SNOW, the witnesses, sign our names to this instrument, being first duly sworn, and do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that the Testator, LORETTA J. JAMES, signs and executes this instrument as his Last Will and Testament and that he signs it willingly, and that each of us, in the presence and hearing of the Testator, hereby signs this Will as witness to the Testator signing, and to the best of our knowledge the Testator is Nineteen (19) years or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.



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