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## TRUST CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT

### BRANON IRREVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT

The following Trust (referred to herein as the "Trust") is the subject of this Certification of Trust.

Name of the Trust: **Branon Irrevocable Trust**

Situs of Trust: Shelby County, Alabama

Date of Trust:

02/26/25

Settlors/Grantors: Allen J. Branon and wife, Ola H. Branon  
5113 Simms Ridge  
Pelham, Alabama 35124

Trustees: Carl A. Butler  
6 Gleneagles Drive  
LaPlace, LA 70068  
(504) 305-4117

Nedonna K. Cooper  
2057 Baneberry Dr.  
Hoover, AL 35244

Successor Trustees: Karl A. Butler  
61 Colonial Circle  
Aston, PA 19014

Nedrena K. Dudley  
209 Rock Terrace Circle  
Helena, AL 35080

Taxpayer identification number:

Any property of the trust shall be titled to the "**Branon Irrevocable Trust**".

#### Purpose of Trust:

This Trust is being formed for the purpose of taking title to the Grantors' residence. The Grantors, each of them, may reside in the residence for the rest of their lives should one or both of them choose to do so. The Primary Beneficiaries shall retain liability and responsibility to maintain the house and to pay the utilities, ad valorem taxes, assessments, and other expenses related to the house for as long as either shall reside in the house.



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In the event that the Trustees determine that the Primary Beneficiaries are unwilling or unable to continue to reside in the residence, the Trustees may sell the said residence. The Trustees may apply the net proceeds from the sale to purchase another residence for the use and occupation of the Primary Beneficiaries, or the Trustees may hold the net proceeds from such sale in trust for the benefit of the Primary Beneficiaries and the Remainder Beneficiaries as further set out in the Trust Agreement. For as long as both Primary Beneficiaries shall live, the Primary Beneficiaries shall each share equally in any distribution or other benefit of the Trust, with the last to die to continue as the sole Primary Beneficiary until his or her death. Upon the death of both Primary Beneficiaries, the disposition of the assets in the trust shall be made to or for the benefit of the Remainder Beneficiaries.

At the death of both Grantors, the assets of the trust shall be distributed to the Remainder Beneficiaries.

**Powers of Trustees:**

The Trustees have been given the powers and authority reasonably necessary and consistent with the purposes set out hereinabove. The specific trust provisions are attached to this Certification of Trust.

**Irrevocable:**


The Trust is irrevocable, and no person has the right or power to alter, amend, revoke, or terminate any of the provisions thereof. The Trust has not been terminated, revoked, modified, or amended in any manner that would cause the representations contained in this certification of trust to be incorrect.

The signatories of this Certification of Trust are currently the acting Trustees of the Trust, and they declare that the foregoing statements are true and correct, under penalty of perjury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Settlers and Trustees have hereunto set their hands as of the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2025.

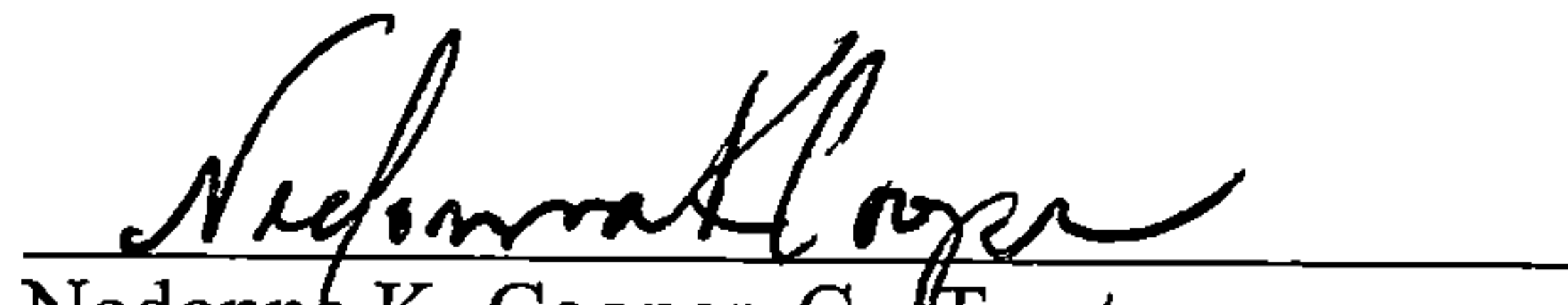
**SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE**

Signatories of the Branon Irrevocable Trust:

  
Allen J. Branon, Grantor, Husband

  
Ola H. Branon, Grantor, Wife

  
Carl A. Butler, Co-Trustee

  
Nedonna K. Cooper, Co-Trustee

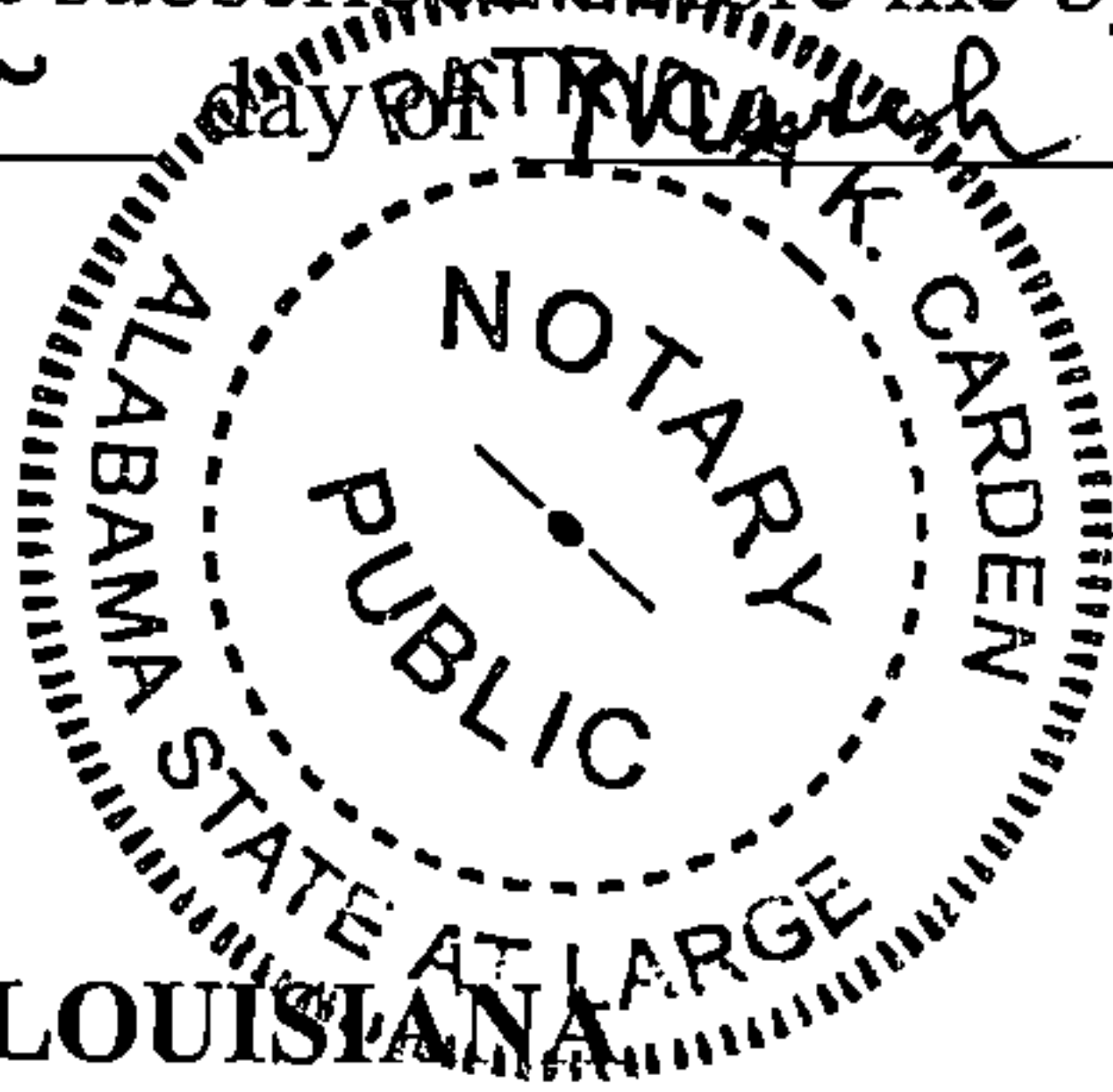
AUTHENTICATIONS

STATE OF ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Grantors, Allen J. Branon and wife, Ola H. Branon, on this the 5th day of March, 2025.

SEAL



  
NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF LOUISIANA

JEFFERSON PARISH

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the Co-Trustee, Carl A. Butler, on this the 26 day of February, 2025.

SEAL

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Tiffany M. Fleming  
Notary Public # 88657  
State of Louisiana  
My Commission is for life.





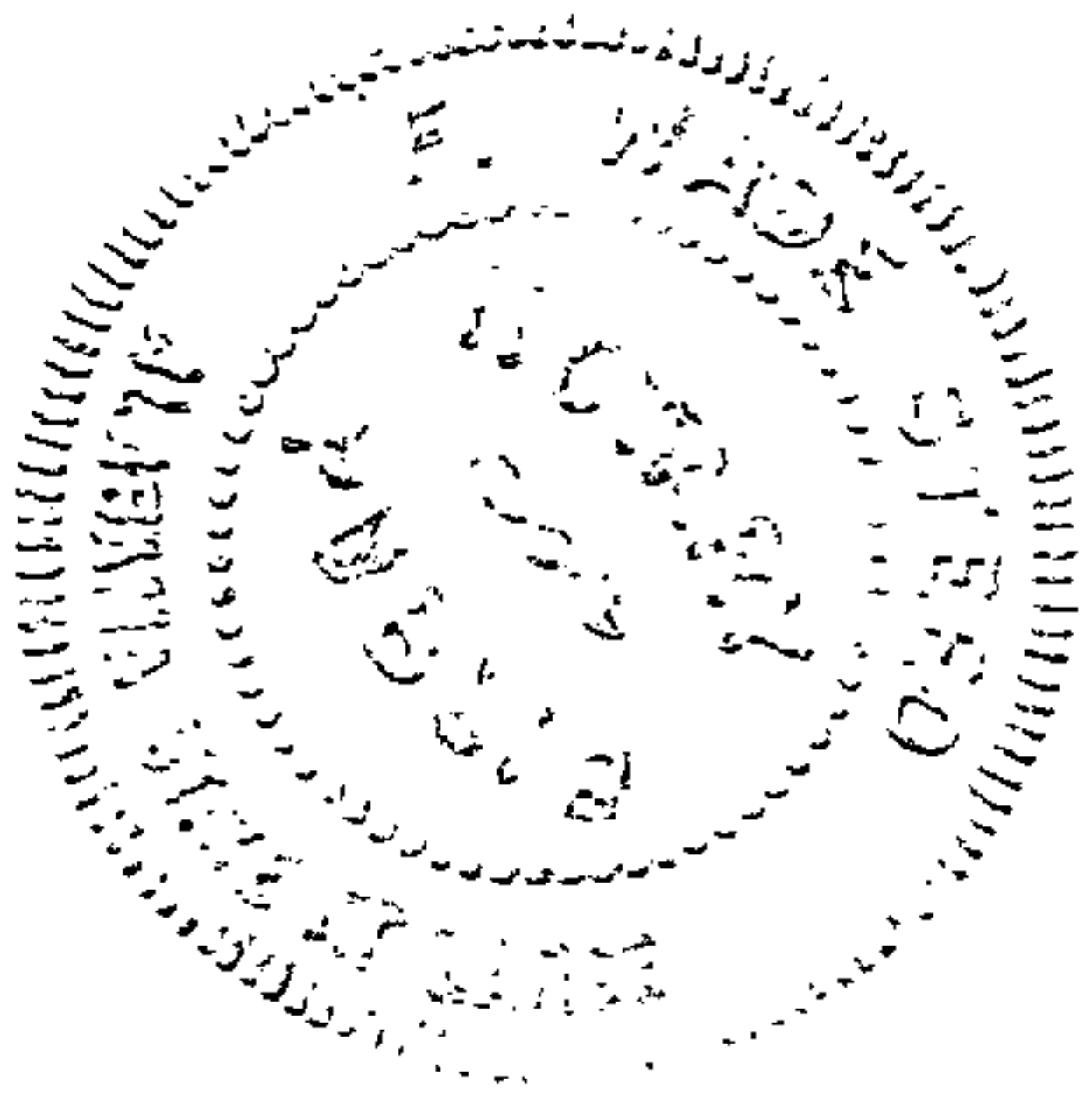
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STATE OF ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sworn to, and subscribed before me by the Co-Trustee, Nedonna K. Cooper, on this the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 2025.

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## TRUSTEES POWERS

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The Trustees shall act jointly. In the exercise of the Trustees' discretion any decision must be approved by both Trustees and neither Trustee may override the other.

a. Trustees shall have full power and authority to administer the trusts herein established, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following express powers:

- i. To collect all income and to deduct, before distribution to the beneficiaries, such fees and expenses as may accrue or be payable;
- ii. To retain, without liability for loss or depreciation resulting from such retention, original property, real or personal, received from Grantor or Grantor's estate, or under Grantor's will, or from any other source, any successor Trustee, or the parent or any affiliate company of any Trustee although it may represent a disproportionate part of the trust; to invest or reinvest in any property and to hold cash uninvested for such periods as may be deemed advisable, all without being restricted to any forms of investment prescribed by statute or rule of court;
- iii. To sell, contract to sell, exchange, lease, pledge, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of, for any purpose and at any time prior to making final distribution, any or all assets of the trust, for such prices and on such terms and conditions and in such manner as may be deemed advisable;
- iv. To borrow such sums of money as may be required for any purpose (including from the commercial department of any corporate Trustee) and to give security in respect thereof;
- v. To purchase securities or other property, real or personal, from Grantor's estate and to retain them as a part of the trust, regardless of the fact that any particular asset may represent a disproportionate part of the trust;
- vi. To manage, protect, exchange, partition, subdivide, grant, and convey, with or without covenants of warranty, lease for a term of years or perpetually with or without privilege of purchase, irrespective of the term of this trust, and to do and perform any and all other proper acts as the owner of real estate, or any interest therein, and any improvements thereon;
- vii. To employ, as an expense of the trust, such brokers, agents, or custodians as may be deemed necessary in administering the trust;
- viii. To consult with legal counsel as an expense of the trust, and Trustees shall not be liable in respect of any action taken in good faith in accordance with the opinion of legal counsel;
- ix. To receive, hold, or transfer any property in the name of a nominee or nominees without disclosing the fiduciary relationship, without thereby increasing or decreasing Trustees' liability;
- x. To hold the assets of each separate fund as a single fund, in which event each separate fund shall have undivided interests in the single fund;
- xi. To vote all securities held hereunder and to execute proxies for the voting thereof;
- xii. To execute and deliver deeds, leases, bills of sale, contracts, powers of attorney, assignments, and any and all other instruments that may be necessary or proper to carry out the powers herein granted;
- xiii. To make principal distributions in cash or in kind;
- xiv. To compound, comprise, or adjust any and all claims and demands whatsoever;
- xv. To continue in full force any policies of life insurance that may at any time form a part of the Trust Estate, on the life of any person, or to purchase insurance on the life of any beneficiary or other person in whom any such beneficiary shall have an insurable interest, naming as beneficiary of any such policy either the trust or the trust beneficiary on whom or with respect to





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whom such policy was purchased; to exercise any and all rights granted under any such policy, including the right to borrow from the value accrued, to elect to convert to paid-up insurance, or to surrender any such policy for the then full value; and Trustee may pay premiums, assessments and other proper charges on any such policy, either from the income, or to the extent necessary from the principal of the Trust Estate; and Trustee may exercise all rights granted under any such policy, all as Trustee shall determine in Trustee's sole discretion; and

xvi. To exercise any stock options, if options should be distributed to Trustee upon distribution of Grantor's estate, and if deemed advisable, in Trustee's sole discretion; and in connection therewith, to borrow money from any source, including from the commercial department of any corporate Trustee, for the purpose of exercising any such option; and if Executor(s) or Administrator(s) of Grantor's estate desire to exercise any such option, to advance money to said Executor(s) or Administrator(s) for such purpose, and if necessary, to borrow money from any source in order to be able to make such advancement. In all events, however, any advancement to Grantor's estate shall be made solely from funds other than the excludible portion of the proceeds of any qualified employee benefit plan.

b. Trustees shall determine, in cases of doubt, whether money or property received shall be treated as principal or income, and shall determine the manner in which gains, losses, and expenses shall be charged, being required merely to act in accordance with sound accounting practices. Trustees' determination of each instance shall be final and binding on all of the beneficiaries of the trust. However, in distinguishing between income and principal, Trustees need not amortize premiums paid in acquiring securities for the trust and need take no account of discounts. Furthermore, all capital gains and losses, including dividends on any shares of mutual funds derived from realized capital gains, shall be allocated to principal.

c. Trustees shall keep an appropriate record of the administration of the trust and shall render statements of such administration not less often than annually to the adult beneficiaries and to the guardian(s) of minor beneficiaries who are from time to time entitled to receive income hereunder.

d. To the extent permitted by law, the principal and income of any trust shall not be liable for the debts of any beneficiary or subject to alienation or anticipation by a beneficiary, except as otherwise provided.

e. Notwithstanding terms herein to the contrary, the Trustees shall have full discretion over distributions and shall not be required to make distributions that would disqualify a Beneficiary from government assistance. The Trustees may, but shall not be required, to:

- 1). Pay for medical expenses not covered by Medicaid,
- 2). Provide housing, transportation, education, entertainment, and personal care, or
- 3). Purchase goods or services that improve the Beneficiary's quality of life.