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GENERAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, JOAN DOWNS, of the County of Shelby, State of Alabama, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint JOSEPH CURTIS MARQUEZ my true and lawful Attorney and Agent (hereinafter called "Agent"), for me in my name, place and stead, and for my behalf and benefit, hereby revoking and terminating any and all other General Durable Powers of Attorney heretofore made by me:

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, 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, including all general authority granted to an agent under the Alabama Uniform Power of Attorney Act; provided, however, in the event a direct conflict arises between the provisions of this instrument and the authority granted an agent under the Alabama Uniform Power of Attorney Act, the provisions of this instrument shall control. I hereby ratify and confirm 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, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension, profit sharing, retirement, social security, insurance and other contractual benefits and proceeds, all documents of title, all property, real or personal, 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, sell 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, 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, motorcycle 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 of whatever nature for me and in my name; to execute partnership agreements and amendments thereto; to incorporate, reorganize, merge, consolidate, recapitalize, sell, liquidate or dissolve any business; to elect or employ officers, directors and agents; to carry out the provisions of any agreement for the sale of any business interest or the stock therein; and to exercise voting rights with respect to stock, 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 and to utilize any tax election; to execute IRS Form 2848 and appoint one or more individuals as my Agent may select, including himself, or herself, to serve as my Agent for tax matters; 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 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 the said Agent's opinion, for my best interest;

(j) Power of Access and Disclosure of Medical Records and Financial Information: To request, receive and review any information, verbal or written, regarding my financial affairs or my physical or mental health, including medical, hospital, and health insurance records, and to execute any releases or other documents that may be required in order to obtain such information, and to disclose such information to such persons, organizations, firms or corporations as my Agent shall deem appropriate;

(k) Power to Borrow: To borrow any sum or sums of money on such terms (including the power to borrow against the cash surrender value of any life insurance policy issued on my life), and with such security, whether real or personal property, as my Agent may think fit, and for that purpose to execute all promissory notes, bonds, mortgages, deeds of trust, security agreements, and other instruments which may be necessary or proper;

(l) Disclaimer: To exercise or release powers of appointment in whole or in part and to disclaim or renounce in whole or in part any interest that I might otherwise have as a joint owner, beneficiary, heir or otherwise and in exercising such discretion, my Agent may take into account such matters as shall include but shall not be limited to any reduction in estate or inheritance taxes on my estate, and the effect of such renunciation or disclaimer upon persons interested in my estate and persons who would receive the renounced or disclaimed property;

(m) Trusts: To transfer, assign and convey any property or interest in property, the legal or equitable title to which is in my name, to any trust of which I am the primary beneficiary during my lifetime and under the terms of which I expressly have the power to amend or revoke such trust, and to exercise any right of withdrawal of income and/or principal which I may have pursuant to the terms and conditions of such trust, whether such trust was created before or after the execution of this power of attorney, and to create an inter vivos trust for my benefit, the terms of which following my death are substantially similar to my estate planning documents, or if I have no estate planning documents that would govern the disposition of my estate, is payable following my death to those persons who would be my heirs if I had died intestate; provided that any trust so created does not include any authority or powers that are prohibited by the Alabama Uniform Power of Attorney Act;

(n) Power to Manage Individual Retirement Accounts and Benefit Plans: To exercise all rights, privileges, elections and options I have with regard to any individual retirement account, pension, profit sharing, stock bonus, Keogh, or other retirement plan, or other benefit or similar arrangement; including, but not limited to, the power and discretion to make contributions, to make withdrawals; to determine forms and timing of payment on my behalf or on behalf of my beneficiaries; to make, change, or alter investment decisions; to change custodians or trustees; to make or complete roll-overs; and to make direct "trustee-to-trustee" or similar type transfers of the assets, rights, or other benefits thereof;

(o) Power to Manage Qualified Tuition Plan Accounts: To exercise all rights, privileges, elections and options I have as the plan participant or account owner of any Qualified Tuition Plan, as defined by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; including, but not limited to, the power and discretion to make distributions to designated beneficiaries, regardless of whether such distributions cause adverse federal or state income tax consequences or penalties; to make, change, or alter investment decisions; to transfer assets from one plan to another regardless of whether the transferee plan is a savings plan or prepaid tuition plan sponsored by a state or educational institution; and to obtain a refund of account assets to the extent permitted by the plan agreement. Notwithstanding anything above to the contrary, my Agent shall not have the power to change the designated beneficiary of any Qualified Tuition Plan of which I am the plan participant or account owner, or to make a plan transfer that results in such a change;

(p) Power to Sue Third Parties Who Fail to Act Pursuant to Power of Attorney: If any third party (including but not limited to stock transfer agents, title insurance companies, banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations) with whom my Agent seeks to transact refuses to recognize my Agent's authority to act on my behalf pursuant to this power of attorney, I authorize my Agent to sue and recover from such third party all resulting damages, costs, expenses, and attorney's fees that are incurred because of such failure to act. The costs, expenses, and attorney's fees incurred in bringing such action shall be charged against my general assets, to the extent that they are not recovered from said third party.

(q) Digital Assets: To exercise all powers that an absolute owner would have and any other powers appropriate to achieve the proper investment, management, and distribution of my digital assets, including but not limited to, any kind of computing device of mine, any kind of storage device or medium of mine, any user account of mine; and any domain name of mine. Specifically, my Agent shall

(1) have access to any catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by me, (2) have access to any other digital asset in which I have a right or interest, (3) have the right to access any of my tangible personal property capable of receiving, storing, processing, or sending a digital asset, (4) have the power to take any action concerning the asset to the extent of my authority, and (5) have access to the content of electronic communications sent or received by me. This authorization is to be construed to be lawful consent under the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act, as amended; the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986, as amended; the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986, as amended; and any other applicable federal or state data privacy law or criminal law.

2. MISCELLANEOUS: I grant to the Agent named herein the following additional powers and authority:

(a) In the event any Agent named herein should be of the opinion at any time that he or she does not have the expertise to manage all or any part of my assets, I grant to said 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 having at such time total resources or assets under management of not less than One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars, 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 the 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.

(b) I grant full and absolute authority to the Agent named herein, on a noncumulative, yearly basis, to make gifts to my son, in trust or otherwise, as well as to his spouse and to his lineal descendants, in trust or otherwise, with the amount of gifts to him each year not to exceed that amount which is excludable from the total amount of gifts made during such year under Section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The above authority to make gifts shall include the power to establish and/or make transfers to Qualified Tuition Plans that name my son or his descendants as designated beneficiaries. In making gifts to Qualified Tuition Plans, my Agent's determination of the maximum amount of gifts excludable under Section 2503(b) may take into account the treatment of excess contributions to such plans under Section 529(c)(2). Furthermore, my Agent may make transfers of my property on behalf of my lineal descendants as tuition payments to an educational institution and for medical payments to the provider of such medical care; provided, however, that all such transfers shall be "qualified transfers" excluded from the definition of gift by Section 2503(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) I further authorize and empower the Agent named herein to use and apply so much of the income and principal of the assets comprising my estate as may be necessary or desirable, in the sole discretion of said Agent, for my maintenance and support, and for the benefit of any person dependent upon me, taking into consideration other income, resources, or financial assistance available to any of them from all other sources. Any provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Agent shall have no power or authority to use or apply the principal to discharge any legal obligation that the Agent or any other person may have to support me or any dependent or beneficiary of mine, except to the extent that there are no assets reasonably available to the person having the obligation of support to pay the same.

(d) I further authorize and empower my Agent to engage, employ and dismiss any agents, clerks, servants, consultants, attorneys-at-law, accountants, investment advisors, custodians, or other persons in and about the performance of these presents as my Agent shall think fit.

(e) During any period that I am incapacitated, I expressly vest my Agent with the power to continue my pattern of charitable gifts (but the aggregate annual amount of such gifts shall not exceed the average annual amount given by me over the last three years in which I was not incapacitated).

Any decisions made by the said Agent with respect to the matters set forth hereinabove in sections 2(b), 2(c), 2(d), and 2(e) shall be final, binding and conclusive upon all of the beneficiaries of my estate, and said Agent shall be released and discharged of and from all liability for any such decisions that said Agent may make in good faith with respect thereto.

3. INTERPRETATION AND GOVERNING LAW: This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general durable power of attorney and shall not be affected by my disability, incompetency or incapacity, or by lapse of time. 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.

4. INDEMNITY: I hereby bind myself to indemnify my Agent and any successor who shall so act against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, actions and causes of action, including expenses, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees which my Agent at any time may sustain or incur in connection with carrying out the authority granted him or her in this power of attorney, except for any of the foregoing arising out of (i) a breach of duty committed dishonestly, with an improper motive, or with reckless indifference to the purposes of this instrument or my best interest or (ii) conduct involving gross negligence or fraud.

5. EXONERATION: I specifically release my Agent and any successor Agent from any liability for breach of a duty hereunder, except for a breach of duty committed dishonestly, with an improper motive, or with reckless indifference to the purposes of this instrument or my best interest.

6. 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.

7. NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR: In the event court proceedings are hereafter commenced to appoint a guardian, conservator or other fiduciary to take charge of my person, or to manage and conserve my property, I hereby nominate and appoint my Agent named to serve hereunder, in the order set forth herein, as my guardian, conservator, or other fiduciary, to serve without bond unless otherwise required by a court of competent jurisdiction.

8. REVOCATION: This general durable power of attorney may be voluntarily revoked by me at any time by written instrument. In the event that a person, other than my nominated Agent, is appointed guardian by a court of competent jurisdiction, said guardian may also revoke this general durable power of attorney at any time by written instrument. Any affidavit executed by my Agent stating that he or she does not have, at the time of doing any act pursuant to this power of attorney, actual knowledge of the revocation or termination of this power of attorney, either by delivery of such revocation to my Agent or otherwise, is, in the absence of fraud, conclusive proof of the nonrevocation or nontermination of the power at that time.

9. DEATH: My death shall not revoke or terminate this agency as to my Agent or any other person who, without actual knowledge of my death, acts in good faith under this power of attorney. Any action so taken, unless otherwise invalid or unenforceable, shall be binding upon me and my heirs, devisees, and personal representatives.

10. SUBSTITUTE AGENT: If Joseph Curtis Marquez ceases to act as my Agent due to his death, incapacity, or resignation, I appoint Andrea G. Marquez as my Agent.

11. INCAPACITY, DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF AGENT: Any person acting or named to act as my Agent hereunder shall cease to serve hereunder if such Agent (i) shall be deemed to be incompetent to act when a licensed physician or neuropsychologist whom such person has consulted within the prior three years has certified as to such consultation and also as to the present lack of capacity of such person to manage his or her financial affairs; (ii) shall be proven as deceased by an affidavit of a surviving joint agent or named successor agent, as applicable, which attaches proof of death of the deceased agent; or (iii) shall be considered a past, resigned Agent, after executing a letter of resignation in which the agent or joint agent declines to serve as agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this General Durable Power of Attorney, which shall not be affected by my disability, incapacity or incompetency, and I have directed that photographic copies of this power be made, which shall have the same force and effect as an original.

DATED at Birmingham, Alabama, on the 25th day of July, 2024.

Naumelle Reiter
Witness

Joan Downs
Joan Downs, Principal (SEAL)

Kimberly Smith
Witness

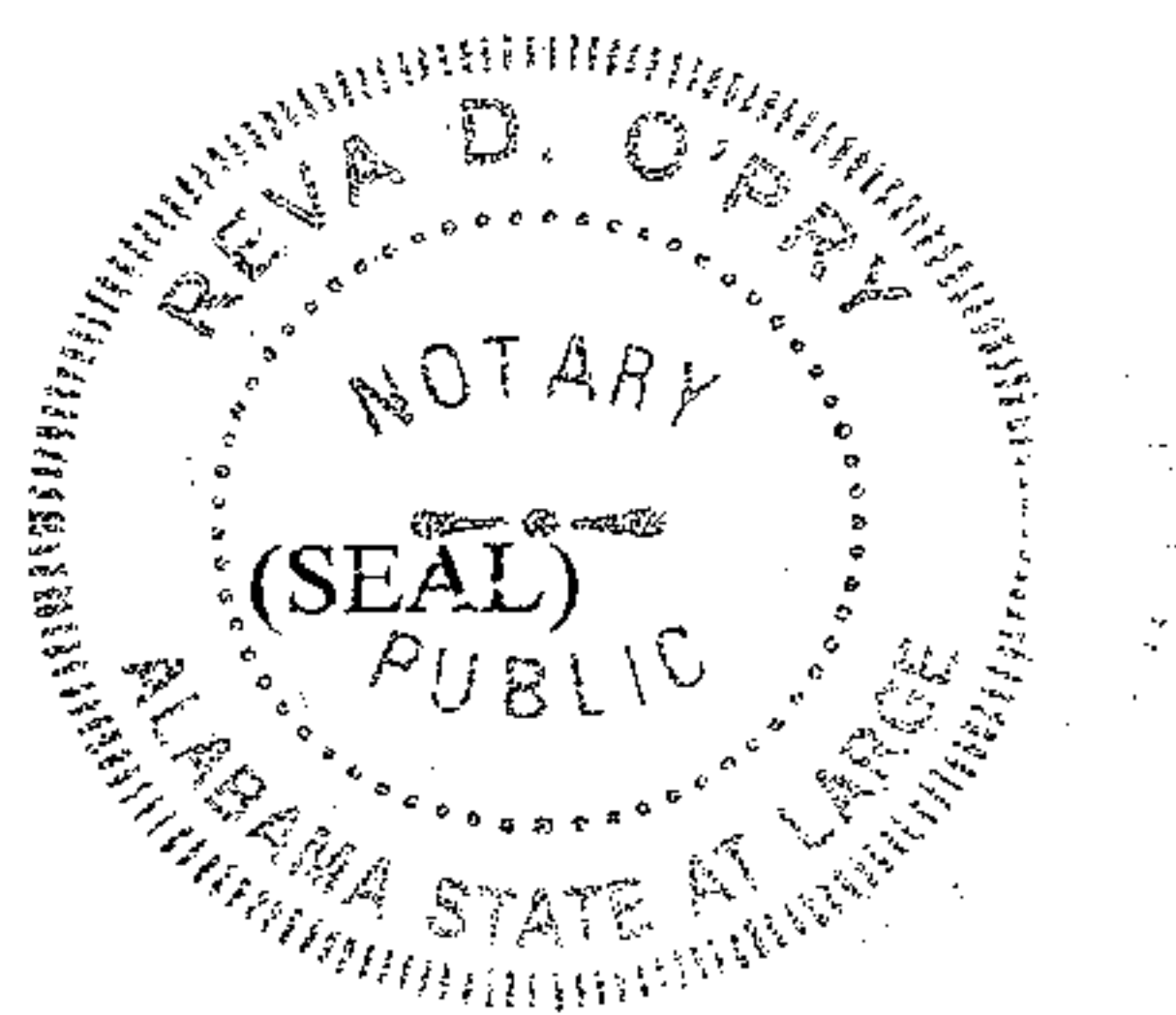
STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, hereby certify that Joan Downs, who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of July, 2024.

Reva D. O'Pray
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: NOVEMBER 21, 2026



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AGENT UNDER
POWER OF ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO ALA. CODE § 26-1A-301

Agent's Duties

When you accept the authority granted under this Power of Attorney, a special legal relationship is created between you and the principal. This relationship imposes upon you legal duties that continue until you resign or the Power of Attorney is terminated or revoked. You must:

- (1) do what you know the principal reasonably expects you to do with the principal's property or, if you do not know the principal's expectations, act in the principal's best interest;
- (2) act in good faith;
- (3) do nothing beyond the authority granted in this Power of Attorney; and
- (4) disclose your identity as an agent whenever you act for the principal by writing or printing the name of the principal and signing your own name as "agent" in the following manner:

(Principal's Name) by (Your Signature) as Agent

Except as otherwise provided in this Power of Attorney, you must also:

- (1) act loyally for the principal's benefit;
- (2) avoid conflicts that would impair your ability to act in the principal's best interest;
- (3) act with care, competence, and diligence;
- (4) keep a record of all receipts, disbursements, and transactions made on behalf of the principal;
- (5) cooperate with any person that has authority to make health care decisions for the principal to do what you know the principal reasonably expects or, if you do not know the principal's expectations, to act in the principal's best interest; and
- (6) attempt to preserve the principal's estate plan if you know the plan and preserving the plan is consistent with the principal's best interest.

Termination of Agent's Authority

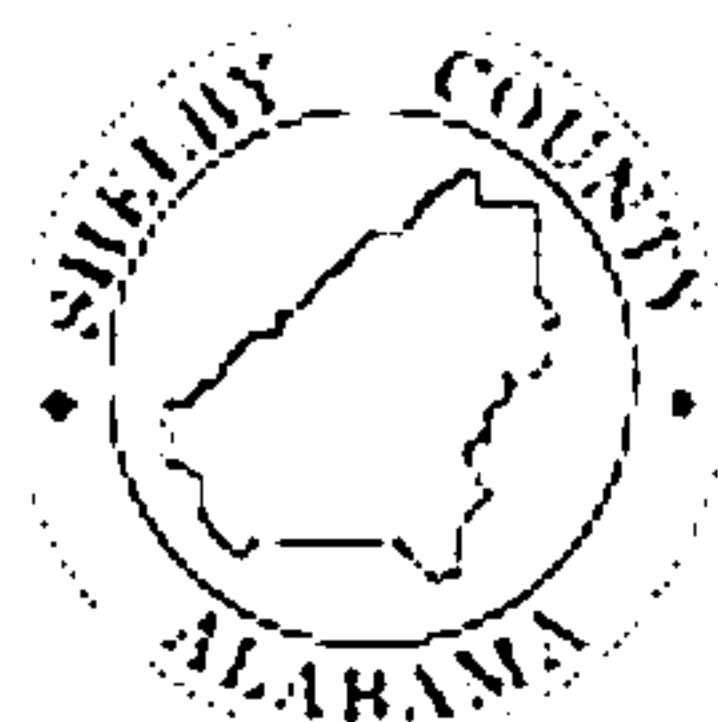
You must stop acting on behalf of the principal if you learn of any event that terminates this Power of Attorney or your authority to act under this Power of Attorney. Events that terminate a Power of Attorney or your authority to act under a Power of Attorney include:

- (1) death of the principal;
- (2) the principal's revocation of the Power of Attorney or your authority;
- (3) the occurrence of a termination event stated in the Power of Attorney;
- (4) the purpose of the Power of Attorney is fully accomplished; or
- (5) if you are married to the principal, a legal action is filed with a court to end your marriage, or for your legal separation, unless this Power of Attorney states that such an action will not terminate your authority.

Liability of Agent

The meaning of the authority granted to you is defined in the Alabama Uniform Power of Attorney Act, Chapter 1A, Title 26, Code of Alabama 1975. If you violate the Alabama Uniform Power of Attorney Act, Chapter 1A, Title 26, Code of Alabama 1975, or act outside of the authority granted, you may be liable for any damages caused by your violation.

If there is anything about this document or your duties that you do not understand, you should seek legal advice.



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