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## CERTIFICATION OF TRUST

TO: ALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, MUTUAL FUND ADMINISTRATORS, TITLE INSURERS, TRANSFER AGENTS, AND OTHER PERSONS AND INSTITUTIONS

The undersigned desires to confirm the establishment of a revocable living trust named THE ELLEN KNOWE TRUST (hereinafter referred to as the "Trust"). The following provisions are found in said Trust and may be relied upon as a full statement of the matters covered by such provisions by anyone dealing with the original Trustee or her successors.

### CREATION OF TRUST

The Trust was created concurrently herewith by a Trust Agreement executed by the undersigned as Trustor and Trustee, for the benefit of the undersigned during their lifetime and thereafter for the benefit of other successor beneficiaries in interest.

### NAME OF TRUST

The name of the Trust is THE ELLEN KNOWE TRUST. Any assets held in the name of the Trust should be titled in substantially the following manner: ELLEN KNOWE, as Trustee of THE ELLEN KNOWE TRUST, U/A dated 10/9/2025, 2025.

### TRUSTEE

The currently acting Trustee of the Trust is ELLEN KNOWE. If said Trustee should cease to act as the Trustee for any reason, she shall be succeeded by PETER HAROLD KNOWE, KIMBERLY LAUREN LAMBERT and IGOR GRAFOV as successor co-Trustees. If a co-Trustee fails to qualify or ceases to act, the remaining co-Trustees or Trustee shall continue to act.

### SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

While co-Trustees are acting, the signatures of all co-Trustees shall be required to conduct business with respect to property and/or assets held or owned by the trust.

### REVOCABILITY OF TRUST

The Trust is revocable. The person holding the power to revoke or amend the Trust is ELLEN KNOWE.

### TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

The Trust uses the Social Security number of the Trustor as its Taxpayer Identification Number. No separate tax identification number is required while this Trust is revocable and the Trustor is acting as a Trustee.

### ADDRESS OF THE TRUST

The Trust uses the address of the Trustor/Trustee as its location. This address is currently 2012 Wilmington Place, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.

### TRUSTEE AUTHORITY

- (1) Subject to state law, a Trustee may appoint an Attorney-in-Fact ("Power of Attorney") and delegate to such agent the exercise of all or any of the powers conferred upon a Trustee.
- (2) No purchaser from or other person dealing with a Trustee shall be responsible for the application of any purchase money or thing of value paid or delivered to such Trustee, but the receipt by a Trustee shall be a full discharge; and no purchaser or other person dealing with a Trustee and no issuer, or transfer agent, or other agent of any issuer of any securities to which any dealings with a Trustee should relate, shall be under any obligation to ascertain or inquire into the power of such Trustee to purchase, sell, exchange, transfer, mortgage, pledge, lease, distribute or otherwise in any manner dispose of or deal with any security or any other property held by such Trustee or comprised in the trust fund.
- (3) The certification of a Trustee and/or the agent of a Trustee that such person is acting according to the terms of the Trust shall fully protect all persons dealing with such Trustee and/or agent. Any person may rely upon the certification of any Trustee as to the matters which are not contained in this Certification of Trust, including a further enumeration of the Trustee's powers.

A person who acts in reliance on this Certification of Trust without knowledge that the representations contained in this Certification of Trust are incorrect is not liable to any person for so acting and may assume without inquiry the existence of the facts contained in this Certification. Knowledge of the terms of the Trust may not be inferred solely from the fact that a copy of all or part of the trust instrument is held by the person relying on the certification. A person who in good faith enters into a transaction in reliance on this Certification of Trust may enforce the transaction against the trust property as if the representations contained in this Certification of Trust were correct.

### TRUSTEE'S POWERS

The Trustee shall have, in general, the power to do and perform any and all acts and things in relation to the trust fund in the same manner and to the same extent as an individual might or could do with respect to his or her own property including the power to buy, sell, hold, transfer, convey, or exercise any ownership rights in any asset for the Trust by executing any appropriate document, or by an oral demand to buy or sell a security; to maintain, deposit or to





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withdraw from any bank, brokerage or mutual fund account (including margin accounts), and to sign checks or drafts on any such account; to purchase or exercise rights in any life insurance or annuity contracts; and to borrow and pledge any Trust asset as security. In addition to the above, the Trustee shall have all of the powers enabled by the Alabama Uniform Trust Code (pursuant to Title 19, Chapter 3B of the Alabama Code) (as though such powers were set forth herein) and, in addition, the Trustee is specifically authorized and empowered to exercise those powers set forth in Article IV of said Trust.

No specific provision of the Trust limits the general authority of the Trustee granted in the Trust and outlined above. Further, the Trust is not subject to supervision by any court nor is court permission or approval necessary for any act by the Trustee.

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- (1) The Trust shall be administered according to the Alabama Uniform Trust Code (pursuant to Title 19, Chapter 3B of the Alabama Code), except as shall be specifically modified therein.
- (2) The Trust has not been revoked, modified, or amended in any manner that would cause the representations contained in this Certification of Trust to be incorrect.
- (3) This Certification of Trust is a true and accurate statement of the matters referred to herein concerning the Trust.
- (4) This Certification of Trust has been signed by the currently acting sole Trustee of the Trust.
- (5) Reproductions of this executed original (with reproduced signatures) shall be deemed to be original counterparts of this Certification of Trust and any person who is in possession of a photocopy of this executed Certification may, in good faith, rely upon the information it contains and shall not be liable to the Trustor, any Trustee or beneficiary for reliance upon the information herein contained.
- (6) No person shall have received notice of any event upon which the use of this Certification of Trust depends unless said notice is in writing and until the notice is delivered to said person.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that she has executed this Certification of Trust on 10/9/2025, 2025, in Shelby County, Alabama.

*Ellen Knowe*  
ELLEN KNOWE,  
Trustor-Trustee

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF SHELBY )

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

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 9 day of October, 2025.

*Deandre Lagarius*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 10-19-2027

