**MINNESOTA DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Name of Principal) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Address of Principal) **(“Principal”)**, hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Agent), of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Address of Agent) **(“Agent”)**, as my agent (attorney-in-fact) to act as indicated below in my name, place, and stead in any way which I myself could do, if I were personally present, with respect to the following matters, to the full extent that I am permitted by law to act through an agent to the following initialed subjects:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(A) **Real Property.** Full power, right, and authority to sell, purchase, convey, lease, rent, exchange, mortgage, and otherwise deal in and with any and all real property, the same as if said agent were the absolute owner, purchaser, or lessee thereof as the case may be, and the authority to sign and deliver any and all deeds, conveyances and other instruments in furtherance thereof; and to make, amend, alter or revoke agreements involving said properties.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(B) **Tangible and Personal Property.** The agent is authorized to: buy and sell, lease, exchange, collect, possess and take title to all tangible personal property; move, store, ship, restore, maintain, repair, improve, manage, preserve, insure and safekeep tangible personal property; and, in general, exercise all powers with respect to tangible personal property which the principal could if present and under no disability.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(C) **Stock and Bonds.** Acquire, exchange, buy or sell stocks or bonds, or any interest therein, on such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper. Execute and deliver, in my’ name and on my behalf, conveyances of said stock or bonds.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(D) **Commodity and Options.** Acquire, exchange, buy or sell commodities or options, or any interest therein, on such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper. Execute and deliver, in my’ name and on my behalf, conveyances of said commodities or options.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(E) **Banking.** To make, receive and endorse checks and drafts, deposit and withdraw funds, acquire and redeem certificates of deposit, open, close and otherwise deal with accounts and do all things herein enumerated in banks, savings and loan associations. To borrow money in principal's name; to make, issue and endorse any promissory note in the name of principal, and to renew the same from time to time; to deliver, pledge and pawn the same; and to waive and renounce any prescription accrued on same.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(F) **Business Operations.** To purchase, acquire, conduct, continue or participate in any business for me and in my name, including general or limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, or corporations.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(G) **Insurance.** To insure my life or the life of anyone in whom I have an insurable interest; to continue my life insurance policies now or hereafter owned by me on either my life or the lives of others; to pay all insurance premiums; to select any options under such policies; to increase coverage under any such policy; to borrow against any such policy; to pursue all insurance claims on my behalf; to purchase and maintain and pay all premiums for medical insurance covering me and any person I am obligated or may have assumed the obligation to support; to carry insurance of such kind and in such amounts as my agent shall deem appropriate to protect my assets against any hazard and to protect me from any liability; to pay the premiums therefor; to pursue claims thereunder

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(H) **Estate, Trust, and other Beneficiary transactions.** The agent is authorized to: accept, receipt for, exercise, release, reject, renounce, assign, disclaim, demand, sue for, claim and recover any legacy, bequest, devise, gift or other property interest or payment due or payable to or for the principal; assert any interest in and exercise any power over any trust, estate or property subject to fiduciary control; establish a revocable trust solely for the benefit of the principal that terminates at the death of the principal and is then distributable to the legal representative of the estate of the principal; and, in general, exercise all powers with respect to estates and trusts which the principal could if present and under no disability; provided, however, that the agent may not make or change a will and may not revoke or amend a trust revocable or amendable by the principal or require the trustee of any trust for the benefit of the principal to pay income or principal to the agent unless specific authority to that end is given, and specific reference to the trust is made, in the statutory property power form.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(I) **Claims and Litigation.** To demand; sue for, collect, recover and receive all goods, claims, debts, monies, interest and demands whatsoever now due, or hereafter due, or belonging to me (including the right to institute any action, suit or legal proceedings, for the recovery of any lands, buildings, tenements, or other structures, to the possession whereof I may be entitled), and to make, execute and deliver receipts, releases, or other discharges therefor, under seal, or otherwise;

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(J) **Personal and Family Maintenance.** To make payments for the daily living expenses, support, medical care, and tuition of my spouse and dependents

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(K)**Retirement Plan and Benefits.** To apply for and receive any government, insurance and retirement benefits to which I may be entitled, including the right to act as my representative the Social Security Administration, and to exercise any right to elect benefits or payment options; to terminate, to change beneficiaries or ownership, to assign borrow or receive cash value in return for the surrender of any or all rights I may have in plans or benefits, or in any retirement, profit-sharing and employee welfare plans and benefits; and or waive consent in connection with designation of beneficiaries and election or waiver of joint and survivor under any employee benefit plan.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(L) **Gifts.** To make and effect gifts as my agent deems proper either outright or in custodianship (including gifts to my agent) and including charitable gifts and pledges all in the sole discretion of my agent.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(M) **Tax Matters.** Execute on my behalf any tax return and act for me in any examination, audit, hearing, conferences, or litigation relating to taxes, including the authority to file and prosecute refund claims and enter into any settlements.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(N) **Safety Deposit Boxes.** To access any safety deposit boxes or vaults which I have access to, including the right to remove or place any items therein.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(O) **Hiring Service Providers.** To hire service providers such as attorneys, accountants, and others, including their appointment, removal, and compensation as the agent deems fit.

My attorney(s)-in-fact MAY NOT make gifts to the attorney(s)-in-fact, or anyone the attorney(s)-in-fact are legally obligated to support, UNLESS I have made a check or an “x” on the line in front of the second statement below and I have written in the name(s) of the attorney(s)-in-fact.  The second option allows you to limit the gifting power to only the attorney(s)-in-fact you name in the statement.

Minnesota Statutes, section 523.24, subdivision 8 , clause (2), limits the annual gift(s) made to my attorney(s)-in-fact, or to anyone the attorney(s)-in-fact are legally obligated to support, to an amount, in the aggregate, that does not exceed the federal annual gift tax exclusion amount in the year of the gift.

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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | I do not authorize any of my attorney(s)-in-fact to make gifts to themselves or to anyone the attorney(s)-in-fact have a legal obligation to support. |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | I authorize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write in name(s)), as my attorney(s)-in- fact, to make gifts to themselves or to anyone the attorney(s)-in-fact have a legal obligation to support. |

1. **Effective Date.** UNLESS YOU DIRECTED OTHERWISE BELOW IN THIS SECTION, THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL IT IS REVOKED.

This power of attorney will continue to be effective even though I become incapacitated.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ON THE FOLLOWING LINES YOU MAY GIVE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS LIMITING OR EXTENDING THE POWERS GRANTED TO YOUR AGENT. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. **Durability.** This durable power of attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incompetence.

3. **Successor Agent.** If every agent named above is unable or unwilling to serve, I appoint no one to be my agent for all purposes hereunder.

4. **Indemnity.** TO INDUCE ANY THIRD PARTY TO ACT HEREUNDER, I HEREBY AGREE THAT ANY THIRD PARTY RECEIVING A DULY EXECUTED COPY OR FACSIMILE OF THIS INSTRUMENT MAY ACT HEREUNDER, AND THAT REVOCATION OR TERMINATION HEREOF SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE AS TO SUCH THIRD PARTY UNLESS AND UNTIL ACTUAL NOTICE OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH REVOCATION OR TERMINATION SHALL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY SUCH THIRD PARTY, AND I FOR MYSELF AND FOR MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ANY SUCH THIRD PARTY FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS THAT MAY ARISE AGAINST SUCH THIRD PARTY BY REASON OF SUCH THIRD PARTY HAVING RELIED ON THE PROVISIONS OF THIS INSTRUMENT.

I also indemnify my agent for any acts in relation to this power of attorney that were done in good faith.

5. **Reimbursement.** My agent shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses and may charge a reasonable fee for services in relation to this Agreement.

6. **Applicable Law.** This Durable Power of Attorney shall be interpreted and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. All claims, actions, or disputes in connection with or arising from this agreement shall be commenced in the State of Minnesota, to the exclusion of all other States.

7. **Termination.** This Agreement shall remain in effect unless written termination is communicated to the agent appointed herein.

8. **Photocopies.** All photocopies of this Agreement shall have the same force and effect as any original.

9. **Limitations.** An agent that is not my ancestor, spouse, or descendant MAY NOT use my property to benefit the agent or a person to whom the agent owes an obligation of support unless I have included that authority in the Special Instructions.

**Notice to Person Executing Durable Power of Attorney**

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.  The power of attorney form that you will be signing is a legal document.  It is governed by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 523.  If there is anything about this form that you do not understand, you should seek legal advice.

PURPOSE:  The purpose of the power of attorney is for you, the principal, to give broad and sweeping powers to your attorney(s)-in-fact, who is the person you designate to handle your affairs.  Any action taken by your attorney(s)-in-fact pursuant to the powers you designate in this power of attorney form binds you, your heirs and assigns, and the representative of your estate in the same manner as though you took the action yourself.

POWERS GIVEN:  You will be granting the attorney(s)-in-fact power to enter into transactions relating to any of your real or personal property, even without your consent or any advance notice to you.  The powers granted to the attorney(s)-in-fact are broad and not supervised.  THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY DOES NOT GRANT ANY POWERS TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU.  TO GIVE SOMEONE THOSE POWERS, YOU MUST USE A HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE THAT COMPLIES WITH MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 145C.

DUTIES OF YOUR ATTORNEY(S)-IN-FACT:  Your attorney(s)-in-fact must keep complete records of all transactions entered into on your behalf.  You may request that your attorney(s)-in-fact provide you or someone else that you designate a periodic accounting, which is a written statement that gives reasonable notice of all transactions entered into on your behalf.  Your attorney(s)-in-fact must also render an accounting if the attorney-in-fact reimburses himself or herself for any expenditure they made on behalf of you.

An attorney-in-fact is personally liable to any person, including you, who is injured by an action taken by an attorney-in-fact in bad faith under the power of attorney or by an attorney-in-fact's failure to account when the attorney-in-fact has a duty to account under this section.  The attorney(s)-in-fact must act with your interests utmost in mind.

TERMINATION:  If you choose, your attorney(s)-in-fact may exercise these powers throughout your lifetime, both before and after you become incapacitated.  However, a court can take away the powers of your attorney(s)-in-fact because of improper acts.  You may also revoke this power of attorney if you wish.  This power of attorney is automatically terminated if the power is granted to your spouse and proceedings are commenced for dissolution, legal separation, or annulment of your marriage.

This power of attorney authorizes, but does not require, the attorney(s)-in-fact to act for you.  You are not required to sign this power of attorney, but it will not take effect without your signature.  You should not sign this power of attorney if you do not understand everything in it, and what your attorney(s)-in-fact will be able to do if you do sign it.

**Please place your initials on the following line indicating you have read this IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE PRINCIPAL:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have duly executed this durable power of attorney, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Principal’s Signature**

**CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC**

State of Minnesota

County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of Minnesota that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Notice to Person Accepting the Appointment as Attorney-in-Fact**

You have been nominated by the principal to act as an attorney-in-fact.  You are under no duty to exercise the authority granted by the power of attorney.  However, when you do exercise any power conferred by the power of attorney, you must:

(1) act with the interests of the principal utmost in mind;

(2) exercise the power in the same manner as an ordinarily prudent person of discretion and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs;

(3) render accountings as directed by the principal or whenever you reimburse yourself for expenditures made on behalf of the principal;

(4) act in good faith for the best interest of the principal, using due care, competence, and diligence;

(5) cease acting on behalf of the principal if you learn of any event that terminates this power of attorney or terminates your authority under this power of attorney, such as revocation by the principal of the power of attorney, the death of the principal, or the commencement of proceedings for dissolution, separation, or annulment of your marriage to the principal;

(6) disclose your identity as an attorney-in-fact whenever you act for the principal by signing in substantially the following manner:

Signature by a person as “attorney-in-fact for (name of the principal)” or “(name of the principal) by (name of the attorney-in-fact) the principal's attorney-in-fact”;

(7) acknowledge you have read and understood this IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE ATTORNEY(S)-IN-FACT by signing the power of attorney form.

You are personally liable to any person, including the principal, who is injured by an action taken by you in bad faith under the power of attorney or by your failure to account when the duty to account has arisen.

The meaning of the powers granted to you is contained in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 523.  If there is anything about this document or your duties that you do not understand, you should seek legal advice.

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**Attorney in Fact’s Signature**

**CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC**

State of Minnesota

County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of Minnesota that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_