

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY AND PERSONAL AFFAIRS

I, **JOHN SAMPLE**, of 123 Main Street, Seattle, Washington, as an individual and as co-Trustee of THE SAMPLE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, executed by my wife and me concurrently herewith, intend to create a Durable Power of Attorney (herein referred to as "this Power"). This Power is effective immediately upon its execution. THIS IS A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY AND THE AUTHORITY OF MY AGENT ("ATTORNEY-IN-FACT") SHALL NOT TERMINATE IF I BECOME DISABLED OR INCAPACITATED OR IN THE EVENT OF LATER UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER I AM DEAD OR ALIVE. IT SHALL ALSO NOT BE AFFECTED BY LAPSE OF TIME.

I give my Agent, and my successor Agents, the powers specified in this Power with the understanding that they will be used for my benefit and on my behalf and will be exercised only in a fiduciary capacity.

I. APPOINTMENT

1.A. **Designation of Agent.** I hereby designate and appoint my wife, JANE SAMPLE, as my Attorney-in-Fact (hereinafter referred to in this power of attorney as "my Agent").

1.B. **Alternate Agents.** If my wife is not available or becomes ineligible to act, or if I revoke her appointment or authority to act, then I designate the following persons to serve as my successor Agent to have all of the powers hereinafter set forth; such persons to serve in the order listed below:

First Alternate Agent: My brother JOSEPH DOE

Second Alternate Agent: My sister SUSAN DOE

II. POWERS

2.A. **Enumerated Powers.** To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have for 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, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my Agent shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the powers herein granted:

(1) Real and Personal Property. To take any actions for the management or maintenance of any real or personal property in which I own an interest when this Power

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(6) Insurance and Annuities. To take any actions with respect to any insurance or annuity contracts in which I have an interest when this Power is executed, or in which I later acquire an interest, including the power to acquire additional insurance coverage of any type or additional annuities; continue existing insurance or annuity contracts; agree to modifications in the terms of insurance or annuity contracts in which I have an interest; borrow against insurance or annuity contracts in which I have an interest, to the extent allowed under the contract terms; change beneficiaries under existing contracts and name beneficiaries under new contracts, including the power to designate my Agent as the beneficiary; and, receive dividends, proceeds, and other benefits generated by the contracts; transfer interests in insurance or annuity contracts to the extent permitted under the terms of those contracts.

(7) Beneficial Interests. To take any actions with respect to any probate estate, trust, conservatorship, guardianship, escrow, custodianship, or other fund/entity in which I have a beneficial interest when this Power is executed, or in which I later acquire an interest, including the power to accept, reject, disclaim, receive, receipt for, sell, assign, release, pledge, exchange, or consent to a reduction in or modification of a share in or payment from the fund/entity; demand or obtain by litigation or otherwise money or other things of value to which I am, may become, or claim to be entitled by reason of the fund/entity; initiate, participate in, and oppose litigation to ascertain the meaning, validity, or effect of a deed, will, declaration of trust, or other instrument or transaction affecting my interest; initiate, participate in, and oppose litigation to remove, substitute, or surcharge a fiduciary; and, conserve, invest, disburse and use anything received for an authorized purpose.

(8) Digital Accounts, Assets and Rights. To take any actions in connection with any digital accounts, assets and/or rights in which I have an interest when this Power is executed, or in which I later acquire an interest, including the power to access, continue, modify, or terminate existing accounts; create or change any “passwords” and/or “user identification profiles”.

(9) Retirement Plans and Benefits. In connection with any pension, profit sharing or stock bonus plan, individual retirement account (IRA), Roth IRA, §403(b) annuity or account, §457 plan, or any other retirement plan, arrangement or annuity in which I am a participant or of which I am a beneficiary (whether established by my Agent or otherwise) (each of which is referred to in this document as a “Plan” or “such Plan”), my Agent shall have the following powers, in addition to all other applicable powers granted by this document:

- (a) To establish one or more Plans in my name;
- (b) To make contributions (including “rollover” contributions) or cause contributions to be made to such Plan with my funds or otherwise on my behalf;
- (c) To receive and endorse checks or other distributions to me from such Plan, or to arrange for the direct deposit of the same in any account in my name or in the name of any existing trust for my benefit or a trust created by my Agent for my benefit;

(d) To elect a form of payment of benefits from such Plan, to withdraw benefits from such Plan, to make, exercise, waive or consent to any and all elections and/or options that I may have regarding contributions to, investments or administration of, distribution from, or benefits under, such Plan; and,

(e) To designate one or more beneficiaries or contingent beneficiaries for any benefits payable under such Plan on account of my death, and to change any such prior designation of beneficiary made by me or by my Agent, subject to the following limitation: my Agent shall have no power to designate my Agent directly or indirectly as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary to receive a greater share or proportion of any such benefits than my Agent would have otherwise received, unless such change is consented to by all other beneficiaries who would have received the benefits but for the proposed change; the preceding limitation shall not apply to any designation of my Agent as beneficiary in a fiduciary capacity, with no beneficial interest.

(10) Claims and Litigation. To take any actions with respect to any claim that I may have or that has been asserted against me and with respect to any legal proceeding in which I have an interest when this Power is executed, or in which I later acquire an interest, including the power to institute, prosecute, and defend legal proceedings and claims on my behalf; file actions to determine adverse claims, seek preliminary, provisional, or intermediate relief on my behalf; apply for the enforcement or satisfaction of judgments that have been rendered in my favor; participate fully in the development of claims and proceedings; submit any dispute in which I have an interest to arbitration; submit and accept settlement offers and participate in settlement negotiations; handle all procedural aspects, such as service of process, filing of appeals, stipulations, verifications, waivers, and all other matters in any way affecting the process of any claim or litigation; and, satisfy judgments that have been rendered against me.

(11) Tax Matters. For any tax year for which the statute of limitations has not run and to the tax year in which this durable power of attorney was executed and any subsequent tax year, to prepare and file any and all documents and take all actions that are necessary or that my Agent believes to be desirable with respect to my local, state, or federal tax liability, including the power to participate in audits; exercise my rights to protest and appeal assessments; pay amounts due to the appropriate taxing authority; execute waivers, consents (including, but not limited to, consents and agreements under Internal Revenue Code §2032A, or any successor section thereto), closing agreements, and similar documents related to my tax liability; participate in all procedural matters connected with my tax liability; and, exercise any elections that may be available to me under applicable state or federal tax laws or regulations.

(12) Personal and Family Maintenance. To conduct my personal affairs and to discharge any and all obligations I may owe to myself and to family members and other third persons who are customarily or legally entitled to my support when this Power is executed, or that are undertaken thereafter, including the power to take steps to ensure that our customary standard of living is maintained; continue existing charge accounts, open new charge accounts, and make payments thereon; provide for transportation; maintain

correspondence; prepare, maintain, and preserve personal records and documents; and, maintain membership in any social, religious, or professional organization and make contributions thereto.

(13) Governmental Benefits. All powers described in this paragraph are exercisable equally with respect to benefits from Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, or other governmental programs, or civil or military service, existing when this Power is executed or accruing thereafter, whether existing or accruing in the state or elsewhere. My Agent is appointed as my "Representative Payee" for the purpose of receiving Social Security benefits and may collect all benefits to or for my benefit by any governmental agency or body, such as Supplemental Social Security (SSI), Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). My Agent shall have the full power to represent me and deal in all ways necessary concerning rights or benefits payable to me by any governmental agency and shall have the full power to sign, execute, deliver, process and acknowledge applications, documents, checks and such other instruments in writing, of every kind and nature, as may be necessary or proper to obtain and receive any benefits to which I or any of my dependents may be entitled through any governmental agency and to communicate on my behalf with any governmental agency from whom I am receiving or from whom I may be eligible to receive benefits.

(14) Resignation from Fiduciary Positions. To resign from any fiduciary position to which I have been or may be in the future named, appointed, nominated or elected, including by way of illustration, but not of restriction, the positions of executor, administrator, personal representative, trustee, attorney-in-fact, guardian, director or officer of a corporation, and to take whatever steps are necessary to accomplish such resignation, for example, by rendering an accounting or appearing in court to receive approval for such action, as appropriate.

(15) Gifts. As long as my wife is my Agent, she shall have the authority to continue any payments to a dependent person, the amount and extent of such support in my Agent's sole and absolute discretion; to make gifts, grants, or other transfers without consideration, of cash or other property, including the power to forgive indebtedness and consent to gift splitting under Internal Revenue Code §2513 or successor sections. The gifting powers granted under this paragraph shall be exercised, if at all, in favor of my wife, my issue, any spouse of my issue and any other of my dependents, including my Agent. Any gifts made pursuant to this paragraph shall not be future interests within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code §2503, and the aggregate amount of any gifts made in any one calendar year to any one individual shall not exceed the amount that may be made free of federal gift tax. The limitations in the preceding sentence shall not apply to any gifts which incur no federal gift tax, such as, for example, gifts that qualify for the unlimited federal gift tax marital deduction or charitable deduction.

In addition to the above, if my Agent, in my Agent's sole discretion, has determined that I need nursing home or other long-term medical care and that I will receive proper medical care whether I privately pay for such care or if I am a recipient of Title XIX (Medicaid) or other public benefits, then my Agent shall have the power: (i) to take any

and all steps necessary, in my Agent's judgment, to obtain and maintain my eligibility for any and all public benefits and entitlement programs, including, if necessary, creating and funding a qualified income trust or special needs trust for me or a disabled child, if any; (ii) to transfer with or without consideration my assets to the beneficiaries of the trust agreement hereinabove referenced, including my Agent; and (iii) to enter into a personal services contract for my benefit, including entering into such contract with my Agent, and even if doing so may be considered self-dealing. Such public benefits and entitlement programs shall include, but are not limited to, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans benefits.

Initials of Principal

(16) Transfer to Trust. To transfer and convey to the Trustee or co-Trustees of the trust agreement hereinabove referenced any or all assets now or at any time or times hereafter standing in my name or representing my interest in assets owned jointly, commonly, or otherwise with any other person or persons, including, without limitation, real estate, ownership rights in insurance policies of all kinds, cash, checks (particularly government and insurance checks), stocks, bonds, securities, and properties of all kinds; and pursuant to such purpose to terminate savings, checking, safekeeping, agency, investment advisory, and custody accounts in my name, alone or with others, at any bank or broker, by directing that all or any part of the balance therein, including all cash, stocks, bonds, and other securities and property, subject to any indebtedness secured thereby, be transferred and delivered to said Trustee or co-Trustees.

(17) Amending Power. As long as my wife is my Agent, she shall have the authority to act in my behalf for all purposes in amending that certain trust agreement hereinabove referenced.

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(18) Create an Irrevocable Trust. To create an irrevocable trust for my benefit wherein the beneficial interests at my death shall be the same as the dispositive provisions in the trust agreement hereinabove referenced in effect on the date such irrevocable trust is created, to name the Trustees and successor Trustees, and to fund such irrevocable trust with all or any assets of mine or other interests in property which are capable of being held in said irrevocable trust, including those assets which may then be held in the revocable trust agreement hereinabove referenced. This authority includes the power to create and fund an irrevocable trust which may qualify me for Medicaid. My Agent may serve as the Trustee of the trust. My Agent shall have the power to exercise whatever trust powers or elections which I may exercise.

2.B. **General Grant of Powers**. It is my intention by the granting of the foregoing powers to give my Agent the broadest possible powers to represent my interests and my estate in all aspects

of any transactions or dealings involving me or my property. The only powers which my Agent pursuant to this Power shall not exercise with respect to me and my property are as follows:

- (1) To use my assets to satisfy any legal obligations of my Agent, including but not limited to the support of any dependents of my Agent; provided, however, that such dependents shall not include myself or those persons whom I am otherwise legally obligated to support;
- (2) To exercise any powers granted to the trustee pursuant to an irrevocable trust agreement of which my Agent is the Trustor and I am the trustee;
- (3) To exercise any incidents of ownership over any policy or policies of life insurance insuring the life of my Agent and of which I am the owner; and,
- (4) To make health care decisions.

Subject only to the limitations and prohibitions set forth in the preceding paragraph, and excepting those actions that conflict with or are limited by another provision in this Power, I give my Agent the power to act as my alter ego with respect to all matters and affairs that are not included in the other provisions in this Power, to the extent that a principal can act through an agent.

2.C. Incidental Powers. In connection with the exercise of any of the powers described in the preceding paragraphs, I give my Agent full authority, to the extent that a principal can act through an agent, to take all actions that my Agent believes necessary, proper, or convenient, to the extent that I could take such actions myself, including the power to prepare, execute, and file all documents and maintain records; enter into contracts; hire, discharge, and pay reasonable compensation to attorneys, accountants, expert witnesses, or other assistants; execute, acknowledge, seal, and deliver any instrument.

2.D. Inspection and Disclosure of Information Relating to My Physical or Mental Health. My agent has the power and authority to request, review, and receive, to the extent I could do so individually, any information, verbal or written, regarding my physical or mental health, including, but not limited to, my individually identifiable health information or other medical records. This release authority applies to any information governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. 1320d and 45 CFR 160-164. I hereby authorize any physician, health care professional, dentist, health plan, hospital, clinic, laboratory, pharmacy, or other covered health care provider, any insurance company, and the Medical Information Bureau, Inc., or other health care clearinghouse that has provided treatment or services to me, or that has paid for or is seeking payment from me for such services, to give, disclose, and release to my agent, without restriction, all of my individually identifiable health information and medical records regarding any past, present, or future medical or mental health condition. This authority given my agent shall supersede any other agreement which I may have made with my health care providers to restrict access to or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information. This authority given my agent shall be effective immediately, has no expiration date and shall expire only in the event that I revoke the authority in writing and deliver it to my health care provider.

III. AMPLIFYING PROVISIONS

3.A. **Reimbursement for Costs and Expenses.** My Agent shall be entitled to reimbursement from my property for expenditures properly made in the execution of the powers conferred by me in this Power. My Agent shall keep records of any such expenditures and reimbursement.

3.B. **No Compensation.** My Agent shall not be entitled to compensation for the services rendered in the execution of any of the powers conferred by me in this Power.

3.C. **Reliance by Third Parties.** To induce third parties to rely upon the provisions of this Power, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, successors, and assigns, hereby waive any privilege that may attach to information requested by my Agent in the exercise of any of the powers described herein. Moreover, on behalf of my heirs, successors, and assigns, I hereby agree to hold harmless any third party who acts in reliance upon this Power for damages or liability incurred as a result of that reliance. My Agent is authorized, at the expense of my estate, to seek interpretation and/or enforcement of any power granted to my Agent under this document from a court of competent jurisdiction. My Agent may seek any appropriate legal remedy including, but not limited to, declaratory judgments, temporary or permanent injunctions, and actual or punitive damages against any person or entity who unreasonably, negligently or willfully fails or refuses to follow my Agent's instructions with respect to a power granted to my Agent under this document.

3.D. **Ratification.** I ratify and confirm all that my Agent does or causes to be done under the authority granted in this Power. All instruments of any sort entered into in any manner by my Agent shall bind me, my estate, my heirs, successors, and assigns.

3.E. **Exculpation.** My Agent shall not be liable to me or any of my successors in interest for any action taken or not taken in good faith, but shall be liable for the breach of a duty committed dishonestly, with improper motive, or with reckless indifference to the purposes of this Power or my best interests.

3.F. **Revocation and Amendment.** I revoke all prior General Powers of Attorney that I may have executed and I retain the right to revoke or amend this document and to substitute other attorneys in fact in place of the Agent herein named. Amendments to this document shall be made in writing by me personally (not by my Agent) and they shall be attached to the original of this document and recorded in the same county or counties as the original if the original is recorded.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.A. **Nomination of Guardian.** If proceedings are initiated for the appointment of a guardian of my estate, I hereby nominate my Agent as such guardian and who shall serve without bond being required.

4.B. **Photocopies.** Persons dealing with my Agent may rely fully on a photocopy of this Power.

4.C. **Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Power are found to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Power, and all invalid provisions shall be wholly disregarded.

