

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the undersigned, John F. Pleva

has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Donna K. Pleva true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact for me and in my name, place and stead and said Attorney-in-Fact is hereby authorized on my behalf to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to close out that certain real estate transaction wherein the undersigned is selling to Roman Griffin

Grantee, my entire ownership interest in and to that certain real estate (including all the improvements thereon) located in Lake County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:

Lot 24 in Block "A" in Country Club Addition to Gary, Unit "A", as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 24 page 59, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana. Key No. 15-141-24.

Commonly known as: 1812 W. 58th Avenue Merrillville, IN 46410

This is a special Power of Attorney effective solely and exclusively for the purpose of processing and handling the sale and the closing of such sale of said real estate and to empower and authorize said Attorney-in-Fact to make, execute, and deliver any deed conveying to said Grantee all of the undersigned's interest in and to said real estate together with the improvements thereon and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver in my name such documents as such Attorney-in-Fact may deem proper, and at the closing of said sale to execute on behalf of the undersigned, any and all documents necessary to effectuate the outright sale of all of my ownership interest in and to said real estate including, but not limited to, financial settlement statements, agreement prorating real estate taxes, affidavits, escrow agreements and the like, it being my purpose to authorize the said Attorney-in-Fact to handle my entire ownership interests in the aforescribed real estate as well as all matters in connection with the sale of said real estate, and said Attorney-in-Fact is authorized on my behalf to execute any and all instruments to accomplish the outright sale of said real estate and to do and perform any and all acts necessary in and about the closing of said real estate transaction.

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It is my intention in this Power of Attorney instrument that I am creating by this instrument a Durable Power of Attorney appointment under the Indiana Durable Power of Attorney Act and that this Power of Attorney document shall not be terminated or affected by my later disability or incompetency.

PETER BENJAMIN LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

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Handwritten initials: H, H, T.I.

Any act or thing lawfully done by my Attorney-in-Fact under this instrument shall be binding on the undersigned's assigns, heirs, legatees and devisees, and personal representatives. I hereby give and grant unto said Attorney-in-Fact full power to do every act necessary to be done about the premises as fully as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said Attorney-in-Fact or his substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his/her hand and seal this 7th day of January, 2002.

John F. Pleva  
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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT:

Donna K. Pleva  
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STATE OF INDIANA )

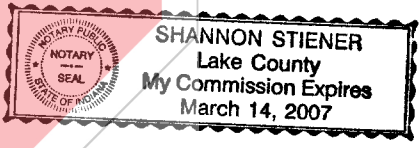
SS:  
COUNTY OF Lake

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, this 7th day of January, 2002, came John F. Pleva and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Shannon Stienen  
Shannon Stienen Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-14-07  
County of Residence: Lake



This instrument prepared by: John F. Pleva

