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Durable Power of Attorney and Nomination of Conservator

Catherine B. Cordes

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TO PERSON EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT:

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CREATES A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY. BEFORE EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE IMPORTANT FACTS.

1. THIS DOCUMENT MAY PROVIDE THE PERSON YOU DESIGNATE AS YOUR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT WITH BROAD POWERS TO DISPOSE, SELL, CONVEY, AND ENCUMBER YOUR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

2. THESE POWERS WILL EXIST FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME. THESE POWERS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST NOTWITHSTANDING YOUR SUBSEQUENT DISABILITY OR INCAPACITY.

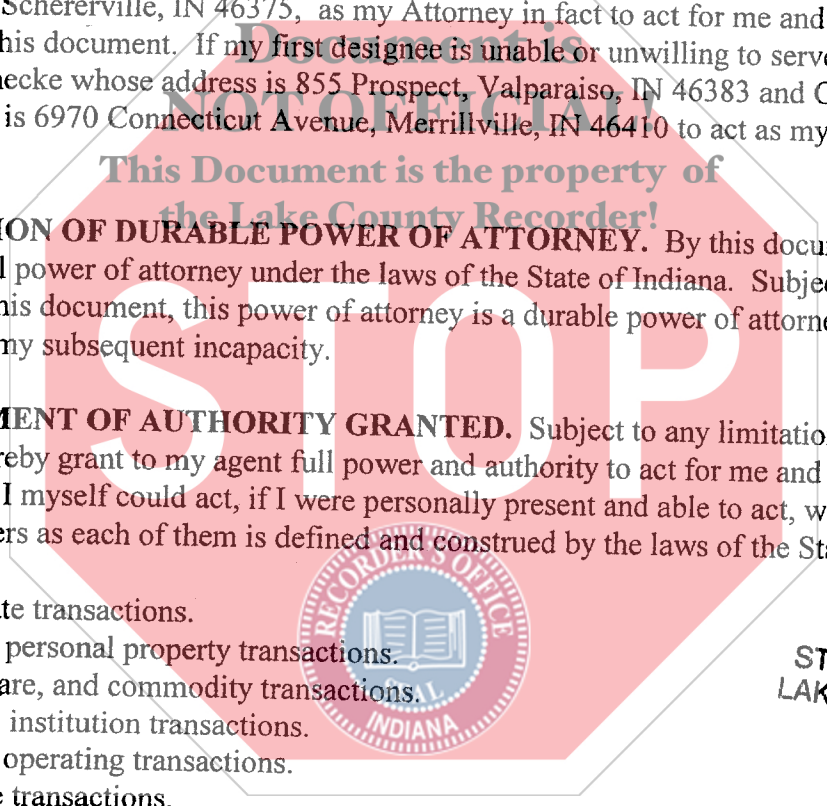
3. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE OR TERMINATE THIS DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY AT ANY TIME.

1. DESIGNATION OF AGENT. I, Joseph J. Cordes, residing at 2004 Hilltop Drive, Schererville, State of Indiana, do hereby appoint Catherine B. Cordes, whose address is 2004 Hilltop Drive, Schererville, IN 46375, as my Attorney in fact to act for me and in my name as authorized in this document. If my first designee is unable or unwilling to serve, I nominate Sandra M. Benecke whose address is 855 Prospect, Valparaiso, IN 46383 and Carol L. Deming whose address is 6970 Connecticut Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410 to act as my co-attorneys in fact.

2. CREATION OF DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY. By this document, I intend to create a general power of attorney under the laws of the State of Indiana. Subject to the limitations in this document, this power of attorney is a durable power of attorney and shall not be affected by my subsequent incapacity.

3. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY GRANTED. Subject to any limitations in this document, I hereby grant to my agent full power and authority to act for me and in my name in any way which I myself could act, if I were personally present and able to act, with respect to the following matters as each of them is defined and construed by the laws of the State of Indiana:

- (1) Real estate transactions.
- (2) Tangible personal property transactions.
- (3) Bond, share, and commodity transactions.
- (4) Financial institution transactions.
- (5) Business operating transactions.
- (6) Insurance transactions.
- (7) Retirement plan transactions.
- (8) Estate transactions.
- (9) Claims and litigation.



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- (10) Tax matters.
- (11) Personal relationships and affairs.
- (12) Benefits from military service.
- (13) Records, reports, and statements.
- (14) Full and unqualified authority to my agent to delegate any or all of the foregoing powers to any person or persons whom my agent shall select.
- (15) All other matters.

4. **DURATION.** This power of attorney shall exist for an indefinite period of time.

5. **NOMINATION OF CONSERVATOR OF ESTATE.** If a conservator of the estate is to be appointed for me, I nominate Catherine B. Cordes, whose address is written herein above, to serve as my conservator. If Catherine B. Cordes is unable or unwilling to serve, I nominate Sandra M. Benecke and Carol L. Deming as my first alternate co-conservators.

DATE AND SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

I sign my name to this Power of Attorney on July 12, 2000, at the City of Schererville, State of Indiana.



 Joseph J. Cordes



County of Lake, State of Indiana

On 7/12/00 before me, Terry T. Harris, II, personally appeared Joseph J. Cordes, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature  (Seal)
 My Commission expires: 8/11/2007

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