# POWER OF ATTORNEY OF PAULINE THELMA MATTHEWS

ARTICLE I DESIGNATION OF AGENT

I, Pauline Matthews of 1714 Garfield Street, Gary, Lake County, State of Indiana, being a mentally competent adult, do hereby designate and appoint Elaine Byrd of 373 Arthur Street, Gary, Lake County, State of Indiana, as my true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, hereinafter sometimes referred to as my Agent, giving my Agent full authority and power to make financial, asset management, and personal decisions for me in my name, place and stead as authorized in this document.

#### ARTICLE II REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS

I hereby revoke all powers of attorney, general or limited, heretofore granted by me as principal and terminate all agency relationships created under any such prior powers, including those of all successor agents named or contemplated therein, if any.

### ARTICLE III GENERAL ASSET AND FINANCIAL POWERS

My Attorney-in-Fact is authorized, in her sole and absolute discretion from time to time and at any time, with respect to any and all of my property and interests in property, real, personal and mixed, and matters affecting my financial and personal interests, by way of illustration and not intending any limitation, to proceed on my behalf as stipulated under the following sections of the Indiana Code governing Powers of Attorney:

IC § 30=5=5=2	Conferring general authority with respect to real property transactions.	
IC § 30-5-5-3	Conferring general authority with respect to tangible personal property transactions.	
IC § 30-5-5-4	Conferring general authority with respect to bond, share and commodity transactions.	\$18 CS
IC § 30=5=5=5	Conferring general authority with respect to banking transactions.	<i>CS</i>
IC § 30-5-5-6	Conferring general authority with respect to business operating transactions.	NON
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IC § 30-5-5-7	Conferring general authority with respect to insurance transactions.	
IC § 30-5-5-8	Conferring general authority with respect to beneficiary transactions.	
IC § 30-5-5-9	Conferring general authority with respect to gift transactions.	
IC § 30-5-5-10	Conferring general authority with respect to fiduciary transactions.	
IC § 30-5-5-11	Conferring general authority with respect to claims and litigation.	
IC § 30-5-5-12	Conferring general authority with respect to family maintenance.	
IC § 30=5=5-13 Thi	Conferring general authority with respect to benefits from the military service. unty Recorder	
IC § 30-5-5-14	Conferring general authority with respect to records, reports, and statements.	
IC § 30-5-5-15	Conferring general authority with respect to estate transactions.	
IC § 30=5=5=16	Conferring general authority with respect to health care powers.	
IC § 30-5-5-17	Conferring general authority with respect to withdrawing or withholding of medical treatment on behalf of the principal.	
IC § 30-5-5-18	Conferring general authority with respect to delegating	

authority.

IC § 30-5-5-19

Conferring general authority with respect to all other matters.

I hereby incorporate by reference all the powers granted an Attorney-in-Fact under Indiana Code Sections 30-5-5-2 through 30-5-5-19 and grant these powers to Elaine Byrd.

#### ARTICLE IV PROVISION APPLICABLE TO ARTICLE III

With respect to Article III (general asset and financial powers), it is to be understood that the authority I have conferred to my Attorney-in-Fact in no way is intended to limit or restrict my own authority or decision making capabilities covering such powers and authority as long as I remain mentally competent.

Furthermore, this power of attorney and the authority I have conferred and specified under Article III above shall remain in full force and effect until such time as I may hereinafter revoke the same in writing, provided further, that the same shall not be affected by my subsequent disability, incompetence, or lapse of time.

#### ARTICLE V THIRD-PARTY RELIANCE

No person who relies in good faith upon any representations by or authority of my Attorney-in-Fact, shall be liable to me, my estate, my heirs or assigns for recognizing such representations or authority.

# NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN This Document is the property of

In the event a judicial proceeding is brought to establish a guardianship over my person or property, I hereby nominate my Attorney-in-Fact, Elaine Byrd, hereinabove designated and appointed, to be my guardian.

#### ARTICLE VII EFFECTIVE DATE

This power of attorney shall become effective upon my incapacity and disability wherein I am no longer able to personally handle my financial and business affairs or take care of my personal needs. I direct the named Attorney-in-Fact to secure a medical statement from my doctor with regard to my condition prior to assuming her authority under this document. This limitation as to the effective date of this Power of Attorney being restricted to my mental or physical disability, does not restrict or limit my authority to request that my Attorney-in-Fact proceed under this Power of Attorney and assume their designated responsibilities as set out in this document upon my request prior to any mental incapacity or physical disability, but rather as a matter of convenience on my behalf.

## ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 1. This durable power of attorney is intended to be valid and given full faith and credit in any jurisdiction or state in which it is presented.
- 2. My Attorney-in-Fact shall not be entitled to any compensation for services performed hereunder, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred and paid, including transportation costs, as a result of carrying out any provisions of this instrument.

- 3. My Attorney-in-Fact, including her heirs, legatees, successors, assigns, personal representatives, and estate, acting in good faith hereunder, are hereby released and forever discharged from any and all liability (including civil, criminal, administrative or disciplinary), and from all claims or demands of all kinds whatsoever by me or my heirs, legatees, successors, assigns, personal representatives, or estate, arising out of the acts or omissions of my Attorney-in-Fact, except for willful misconduct or gross negligence.
- 4. My Attorney-in-Fact is authorized to make photocopies of this instrument as frequently and in such quantity as he shall deem appropriate. Each photocopy shall have the same force and effect as any original.
- 5. If any part or provision of this instrument shall be invalid or unenforceable, such part or provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability only, without in any way affecting the remaining parts or provisions of this instrument.
- 6. This instrument, and actions taken by my Attorney-in-Fact properly authorized hereunder, shall be binding upon me, my heirs, successors, assigns, legatees, guardians and personal representatives.
- 7. If for any reason my Attorney in Fact, Elaine Byrd, is unavailable, Imogene Matthews may act as my Attorney in Fact and have all the same powers delegated to Elaine Byrd under this Power of Attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto executed this 4 page Durable Power of Attorney this 4 day of Determber, 2012.

PAULINE MATTHEWS

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COUNTY OF LAKE

This Doossnent is the property of the Lake County Recorder!

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAULINE MATTHEWS, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing General Durable Power of day of <u>December</u>, 2012.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

Resident of Lake County