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DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Georgette N. Bruce, residing at 1638 Crestwood Drive, Lowell, Indiana 46356, hereby appoint Rebecca R. Boomsma of 17305 Hawthorne Drive, Lowell, Indiana 46356, as my attorney-in-fact ("Agent") to exercise the powers and discretions described below.

If the Agent is unable to serve for any reason, I appoint Cynthia R. Llewellyn, of 17606 Mount Street, Lowell, Indiana 46356, as my alternate or Successor Agent, as the case may be to serve with the same powers and discretions.

This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent incapacity.

I hereby revoke any and all general powers of attorney and special powers of attorney that previously have been signed by me.

My Agent shall have full power and authority to act on my behalf. This power and authority shall authorize my Agent to manage and conduct all of my affairs and to exercise all of my legal rights and powers, including all rights and powers that I may acquire in the future. My Agent's powers shall include, but not be limited to, the power to:

1. Open, maintain or close bank accounts (including, but not limited to, checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit), brokerage accounts, retirement plan accounts, and other similar accounts with financial institutions.

a. Conduct any business with any banking or financial institution with respect to any of my accounts, including, but not limited to, making deposits and withdrawals, negotiating or endorsing any checks or other instruments with respect to any such accounts, obtaining bank statements, passbooks, drafts, money orders, warrants, and certificates or vouchers payable to me by any person, firm, corporation or political entity.

b. Add, delete or change beneficiaries to any financial accounts I own including insurance policies, annuities, retirement accounts, payable on death savings or checking accounts or other investments.

c. Perform any act necessary to deposit, negotiate, sell or transfer any note, security, or draft of the United States of America, including U.S. Treasury Securities.

d. Have access to any safe deposit box that I might own, including its contents.

2. Provide for the support and protection of myself, my spouse, or of any minor child I have a

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duty to support or have established a pattern of prior support, including, without limitation, provision for food, lodging, housing, medical services, recreation and travel;

3. Sell, exchange, buy, invest, or reinvest any assets or property owned by me. Such assets or property may include income producing or non-income producing assets and property.
4. Purchase and/or maintain insurance and annuity contracts, including life insurance upon my life or the life of any other appropriate person.
5. Take any and all legal steps necessary to collect any amount or debt owed to me, or to settle any claim, whether made against me or asserted on my behalf against any other person or entity.
6. Enter into binding contracts on my behalf.
7. Exercise all stock rights on my behalf as my proxy, including all rights with respect to stocks, bonds, debentures, commodities, options or other investments.
8. Maintain and/or operate any business that I may own.
9. Employ professional and business assistance as may be appropriate, including attorneys, accountants, and real estate Agents.
10. Sell, convey, lease, mortgage, manage, insure, improve, repair, or perform any other act with respect to any of my property (now owned or later acquired) including, but not limited to, real estate and real estate rights (including the right to remove tenants and to recover possession). This includes the right to sell or encumber any homestead that I now own or may own in the future.
11. Prepare, sign, and file documents with any governmental body or agency, including, but not limited to, authorization to:
 - a. Prepare, sign and file income and other tax returns with federal, state, local, and other governmental bodies.
 - b. Obtain information or documents from any government or its agencies, and represent me in all tax matters, including the authority to negotiate, compromise, or settle any matter with such government or agency.
 - c. Prepare applications, provide information, and perform any other act reasonably requested by any government or its agencies in connection with governmental benefits (including medical, military and social security benefits), and to appoint anyone, including my Agent, to act as my "Representative Payee" for the purpose of receiving Social Security benefits.

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12. Have access to my healthcare and medical records and statements regarding billing, insurance and payments.

This Power of Attorney shall be construed broadly as a General Power of Attorney. The listing of specific powers is not intended to limit or restrict the general powers granted in this Power of Attorney in any manner.

Any power or authority granted to my Agent under this document shall be limited to the extent necessary to prevent this Power of Attorney from causing, (i) my income to be taxable to my Agent, (ii) my assets to be subject to a general power of appointment by my Agent, or (iii) my Agent to have any incidents of ownership with respect to any life insurance policies that I may own on the life of my Agent.

My Agent shall not be liable for any loss that results from a judgment error that was made in good faith. However, my Agent shall be liable for willful misconduct or the failure to act in good faith while acting under the authority of this Power of Attorney. A Successor Agent shall not be liable for acts of a prior Agent.

No person who relies in good faith on the authority of my Agent under this instrument shall incur any liability to me, my estate or my personal representative. I authorize my Agent to indemnify and hold harmless any third party who accepts and acts under this document.

If any part of any provision of this instrument shall be invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, such part shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity only, without in any way affecting the remaining parts of such provision or the remaining provisions of this instrument.

My Agent shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for any services provided as my Agent. My Agent shall be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable expenses incurred as a result of carrying out any provision of this Power of Attorney.

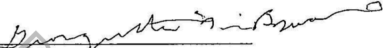
My Agent shall provide an accounting for all funds handled and all acts performed as my Agent as required under state law or upon my request or the request of any authorized personal representative, fiduciary or court of record acting on my behalf.

This Power of Attorney is granted in, and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Indiana; however, I intend that this Power of Attorney be universally recognized and that it be universally admissible to recordation. In the event that I become a resident of another jurisdiction, or obtain property, including real property or any other property interest, in another jurisdiction, it remains my intention that the laws of Indiana shall continue to govern this Power of Attorney.

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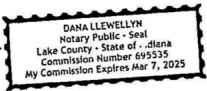
This Power of Attorney shall become effective immediately, and shall not be affected by my disability or lack of mental competence, except as may be provided otherwise by an applicable state statute. This is a Durable Power of Attorney. This Power of Attorney shall continue effective until September 07, 2033. This Power of Attorney may be revoked by me at any time by providing written notice to my Agent.

Dated 9/7 2023 at Crown Point, Indiana.

X 
Georgette N. Bruce

STATE OF INDIANA,
COUNTY OF LAKE, ss:

On this 7th day of September, 2023, before me personally appeared Georgette N. Bruce, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she executed same as his/her free act and deed.




Notary Public

My commission expires 3/7/2025

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Notice to Person Executing Power of Attorney:

A Power of Attorney is an important legal document. By signing the Power of Attorney, you are authorizing another person to act for you, the principal. Before you sign this Power of Attorney, you should know these important facts:

Your Agent (attorney-in-fact) has no duty to act unless you and your Agent agree otherwise in writing.

This document gives your Agent the powers to manage, dispose of, sell and convey your real and personal property, and to use your property as security if your Agent borrows money on your behalf, unless you provide otherwise in this Power of Attorney.

Your Agent will have the right to receive reasonable payment for services provided under this Power of Attorney unless you provide otherwise in this Power of Attorney.

The powers you give your Agent will continue to exist for your entire lifetime, unless you state that the Power of Attorney will last for a shorter period of time or unless you otherwise terminate the Power of Attorney. The powers you give your Agent in this Power of Attorney will continue to exist even if you can no longer make your own decisions respecting the management of your property, unless you provide otherwise in this Power of Attorney.

You can change or correct the terms of this Power of Attorney only by executing a new Power of Attorney, or by executing an amendment through the same formalities as an original. You have the right to revoke or terminate this Power of Attorney at any time, so long as you are competent.

This Power of Attorney must be dated and must be acknowledged before a notary public. A Power of Attorney that may affect real property should be acknowledged before a notary public so that it may easily be recorded.

You should read this Power of Attorney carefully. When effective, this Power of Attorney will give your Agent the right to deal with property that you now have or might acquire in the future. The Power of Attorney is important to you. If you do not understand the Power of Attorney, or any provision of it, then you should obtain the assistance of an attorney or other qualified person.

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

By acting or agreeing to act as the Agent (attorney-in-fact) under this Power of Attorney, you assume the fiduciary and other legal responsibilities of an Agent. These responsibilities include:

1. The legal duty to: act solely in the interest of the principal; act loyally, with care, competence, and diligence; and avoid conflicts of interest.
2. The legal duty to keep a record of all transactions made on behalf of the principal, including the responsibility to produce receipts, ledgers and other records of all deposits, disbursements or other transactions involving the principal's assets or indebtedness.
3. To cooperate with the principal's Agent for health care decisions, should the principal appoint such an Agent, in making decisions in accordance with the principal's desires or in the best interest of the principal if the principal's wishes are not known.
4. The legal duty to preserve the principal's estate plan, if one exists, and the principal's desires for such plan to be preserved.
5. The legal duty to keep the principal's property separate and distinct from any other property owned or controlled by you.
6. The legal duty to terminate actions as Agent (Attorney-in-Fact) under this Power of Attorney upon the occurrence of any of the following:
 - a. Principal's death;
 - b. Revocation of the Power of Attorney of principal;
 - c. The arrival of any date stated in the Power of Attorney, which states the termination of the Power of Attorney, if any; or
 - d. No additional action is required under the Power of Attorney.
7. If you are the spouse of the principal, the Power of Attorney terminates upon legal separation or dissolution of the marriage.
8. You may be held responsible and liable for any intentional actions which violate or abuse your authority under this Power of Attorney as provided by the state and federal laws governing this Power of Attorney.
9. You have the right to seek legal advice if you do not understand your duties as Agent or any provisions in the Power of Attorney.

You may not transfer the principal's property to yourself without full and adequate consideration or accept a gift of the principal's property unless this Power of Attorney specifically authorizes you to transfer property to yourself or accept a gift of the principal's property. If you transfer the

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principal's property to yourself without specific authorization in the Power of Attorney, you may be prosecuted for fraud and/or embezzlement. If the principal is 65 years of age or older at the time that the property is transferred to you without authority, you may also be prosecuted for elder abuse. In addition to criminal prosecution, you may be sued in civil court.

I have read the foregoing notice and I understand the legal and fiduciary duties that I assume by acting or agreeing to act as the Agent (attorney-in-fact) under the terms of this Power of Attorney.

Date: 9/7/2023

Signed:



Rebecca R. Boomsma

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I have read the foregoing notice and I understand the legal and fiduciary duties that I assume by acting or agreeing to act as the Agent (attorney-in-fact) under the terms of this Power of Attorney.

Date: September 7, 2023

Signed:


Cynthia R. Lewellyn

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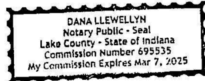
State of INDIANA

County of LAKE ss:

On this 7th day of September, 2023 Georgette N. Bruce, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person named in the foregoing instrument, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the said State and County, and acknowledged that he/she freely and voluntarily executed the same for the purposes stated in the document.

My commission expires: 3/7/2025

Dana Lewellyn
Notary Public



NOTICE TO ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

The Attorney-in-Fact shall ascertain whether Georgette N. Bruce has notified Georgette N. Bruce's health care providers that a power of attorney has been executed. If Georgette N. Bruce has not notified Georgette N. Bruce's health care providers of the existence of a power of attorney, the Attorney-in-Fact shall notify the health care providers of the existence of the power of attorney.

"I AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT I HAVE TAKEN REASONABLE CARE TO REDACT EACH SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN THIS DOCUMENT, UNLESS REQUIRED BY LAW."
PREPARED BY: [Signature]