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## **GENERAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I, DOROTHY A. TOWNE, the principal, of Reno, Nevada, hereby designate J. DOUGLAS CLARK, of Reno,

Nevada, my attorney in fact and agent (subsequently called my agent) in my name and for my benefit:

- 1. GENERAL GRANT OF POWER. To exercise or perform and act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have or may hereinafter acquire, relating to any person, matter, transaction or 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.
  - (a) <u>POWERS OF COLLECTION AND PAYMENT</u>. To forgive, request, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive, hold all such sums of money, debts, dues, commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, mutual fund certificates, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension, profit sharing, retirement, social security, insurance and other contractual benefits and proceeds, all documents of title, all property, real or personal, tangible or intangible property and property rights, and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, now or hereafter owned by, or due, owing, payable or belonging to, me or in which I have or may hereafter acquire an interest; to have, use, and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies and proceedings in my name for the collection and recovery thereof, and to adjust, sell, compromise, and agree for the same, and to execute and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, releases, receipts, or other sufficient discharges for the same;
  - (b) <u>POWER TO ACOUIRE AND SELL</u>. To acquire, purchase, sell, exchange, surrender for redemption and/or cancellation, grant options to sell, transfer and convey real or personal property, tangible or intangible, including securities, real estate, leaseholds, bonds, stocks, mutual funds and Treasury bills, notes or bonds, or interests therein, on such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper;
  - (c) <u>MANAGEMENT POWERS</u>. To maintain, repair, improve, invest, manage, insure, rent, lease, encumber, and in any manner deal with any real or personal property, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, that I now own or may hereinafter acquire, in my name and for my benefit, upon such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper;
  - (d) <u>BANKING POWERS</u>. To sign in my name as my agent, make, receive and endorse checks and drafts, deposit and withdraw funds, acquire and redeem certificates of deposit, in banks, savings and loan associations and other institutions, execute or release such promissory notes, deeds of trust or other security agreements as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers herein granted;
  - (e) <u>MOTOR VEHICLES</u>. To apply for a Certificate of Title upon, and endorse and transfer title thereto, for any automobile, truck, pickup, van, motorcycle or other motor vehicle, trailer, boat, or mobile home, and to represent in such transfer assignment that the title to said motor vehicle is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except those specifically set forth in such transfer assignment;
  - (f) <u>BUSINESS</u>, <u>INVESTMENT</u>, <u>AND RETIREMENT PLAN INTERESTS</u>. To conduct or participate in any lawful business or investment of whatever nature for me and in my name; execute partnership agreements and amendments thereto; incorporate, reorganize, merge, consolidate, recapitalize, sell, liquidate, or dissolve any business; elect or employ officers, directors and agents; carry out the provisions of any agreement for the sale of any business interest or the stock therein; exercise voting rights with respect to stock, either in person or by proxy, and exercise stock options; amend, revoke, exercise or otherwise change for me and in my name any trust instrument naming me as a Grantor, Settlor or Trustor or under which I am empowered to exercise or revoke any power of appointment; add property to or withdraw property from any trust naming me as a Grantor, Settlor or Trustor and exercise any power I may have under any trust instrument naming me as Grantor, Settlor or Trustor; and make additions to, or withdrawals from, or change for me and in my name the beneficiary of any trust or IRA account I am empowered to change during my lifetime;
  - (g) <u>TAX AND LITIGATION POWERS</u>. To prepare, sign and file joint or separate income tax returns or declarations of estimated tax for any year or years; to prepare, sign and file gift tax returns with respect to gifts made by me for any year or years; to consent to any gift and to utilize any gift-splitting provisions or other tax election; and to prepare, sign and file any claims for refund, requests for extensions of time and consents in my name in

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To retain counsel and attorneys on my behalf, to appear for me in all actions and proceedings to which I may be party in the courts of Nevada or any other state in the United States, or in the United States courts; to commence actions and proceedings in my name if necessary, to sign and verify in my name all complaints, petitions, answers and other pleadings of every description; to represent me in all tax matters before all officers of the Internal Revenue Service, to execute petitions to the United States Tax Court and to cause me to be represented in such proceedings;

- (h) <u>SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES</u>. To have access at any time or times to any safe deposit box rented by me, wheresoever located, and to remove all or any part of the contents thereof, and to surrender or relinquish said safe deposit box, and any institution in which any such safe deposit box may be located shall not incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my agent to exercise this power;
- (i) <u>GUARDIAN</u>. In the event of my incapacity or incompetency I specifically authorize my attorney-in-fact to request the appointment of a guardian in case of my incapacity or incompetency and to nominate in preference over all others the person or corporation to act as such guardian; and also to provide such other care, comfort, maintenance and support as my attorney-in-fact may determine.
- (j) <u>INSURANCE</u>. To insure against loss on my behalf any real or personal property I may own or have any interest in, to obtain for me or on my behalf life insurance, health insurance, hospitalization insurance, disability insurance and general liability insurance in such amounts as my agent deems appropriate.
- (k) <u>HOSPITAL</u>, <u>NURSING HOME AND RELATED CARE</u>. To enter into contracts in my name for hospital, nursing home, convalescent center, extended care, and related skilled or unskilled nursing or other care. My attorney in fact and agent shall be under no obligation to disclose this attorney in fact and agency relationship when entering into such contracts.
- (I) <u>TRUST AGREEMENTS/DECLARATIONS</u>. To enter into trust agreements or declarations of trust in my name, whether revocable or irrevocable, and to select and designate the Trustee, terms, conditions, and beneficiaries of said trust(s) established thereby. My attorney-in-fact shall have full power to transfer and convey any real or personal property to the Trustee of said trust(s) and may serve as Trustee or successor Trustee thereof.
- 2. <u>INTERPRETATION AND GOVERNMENT LAW</u>. This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general durable power of attorney. The enumeration of specific powers herein is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict the general powers herein granted to my agent. This Instrument is executed and delivered in the State of Nevada, and the laws of the State of Nevada shall govern all questions as to the validity of this power and the construction of its provisions.
- 3. <u>THIRD-PARTY RELIANCE</u>. Third parties may rely upon the representations of my agent as to all matters relating to any power granted to my agent, and no person who may act in reliance upon the representation of my agent or the authority granted to my agent shall incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my agent to exercise any power.
- 4. <u>DISABILITY OF PRINCIPAL</u>. This General Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incompetency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have executed this General Durable Power of Attorney, and I have directed that photographic copies of this power shall have the same force and effect as an original.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2001.

DOROTHY A. TOWNE

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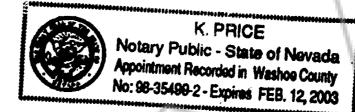
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STATE OF NEVADA ) : ss. COUNTY OF WASHOE )

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2001, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared DOROTHY A. TOWNE, who acknowledged that she executed the foregoing instrument.

NOTARY PUBLIC



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