# **CYNTHIA B FORTE**

# BERKELEY COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

Po Box 6122 ~ Moncks Corner, SC 29461 (843) 719-4084

#### \*\*\* THIS PAGE IS PART OF THE INSTRUMENT - DO NOT REMOVE \*\*\*

#### \*\*\* ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED DOCUMENT \*\*\*

**Instrument #**: 2020028908

Receipt Number: 174783 Return To:

Recorded As: EREC-POWER OF ATTORNEY

Recorded On: August 04, 2020

Recorded At: 11:04:03 AM Received From: SIMPLIFILE

Recorded By: JAMIE WIEMANN Parties:

Book/Page: RB 3449: 826 - 854 Direct- CULLEN, KATHERINE A

Total Pages: 29 Indirect- MOLINARO, PAUL C

#### \*\*\* EXAMINED AND CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \*\*\*

Recording Fee: \$25.00 Tax Charge: \$0.00



Cynthia B. Forte Register of Deads

Cynthia B Forte - Register of Deeds

# General Durable Power of Attorney of Katherine A. Cullen

I, Katherine A. Cullen of Hanahan, South Carolina, social security number \_\_\_\_\_\_, am creating a durable power of attorney under the laws of the state of South Carolina. I hereby revoke all Powers of Attorney previously granted by me as Principal and terminate all Agency relationships created by me except:

Powers granted by me on forms provided by financial institutions granting the right to write checks on, deposit funds to and withdraw funds from accounts to which I am a signatory; and

Powers granting access to a safe deposit box.

# Article One Appointment of Agent

Section 1.01 Initial Agent

I appoint Paul C. Molinaro to serve as my Agent.

Section 1.02 Successor Agent

If Paul C. Molinaro fails to serve, I appoint Nicole Molinaro to serve as successor Agent.

Section 1.03 No Person Under 21 Years of Age May Serve as Agent

No person named as my **Agent** or successor **Agent** may serve until that person has attained the age of 21 years.

# Section 1.04 Prior or Joint Agent Unable to Act

A successor Agent or an Agent serving jointly with another Agent may establish that the acting Agent or joint Agent is no longer able to serve as Agent, by signing an affidavit that states that the Agent is not available or is incapable of acting. The affidavit may (but need not) be supported by a death certificate of the Agent, a certificate showing that a guardian or conservator has been appointed for the Agent, a letter from a physician stating that the Agent is incapable of managing his or her own affairs, or a letter from the Agent stating his or her unwillingness to act or delegating his power to the successor Agent.

# Article Two Effectiveness of Appointment - Durability Provision

#### Section 2.01 Effectiveness

This document is effective immediately once it is signed by me.

#### Section 2.02 Durability

The authority granted to my Agent under this power of attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability, incompetency, incapacity or lapse of time.

#### Section 2.03 Term of Durable Power of Attorney

This Durable Power of Attorney shall expire at the earlier of:

My death (except for post-death matters allowed under the laws of South Carolina), or

Upon my revocation of this Power of Attorney.

# Article Three Powers Granted to My Agent

I grant my Agent the powers described in this Article so that my Agent may act on my behalf. In addition, my Agent may do everything necessary to exercise the powers listed below.

#### Section 3.01 Power to Fund

My Agent may transfer any of my assets or any interest I have in any property, tangible or intangible, real or personal, to the trustee of any revocable trust agreement ("trust") created by me or by my Agent acting within the authority granted in **Section 3.19** before or after the execution of this power of attorney, and including any trust that may extend beyond my incapacity or beyond my lifetime.

In order that my Agent may transfer property under this Section, I grant my Agent the following general powers for the specific purpose of transferring property to my trusts:

My Agent may transfer any interest I have in real or personal property, tangible or intangible to my trusts.

My Agent may assign any rights I have to receive income from any source to my trusts.

My Agent may execute all legal instruments and other documents necessary or convenient to transfer property to my trusts.

My Agent may terminate savings, checking, safekeeping, brokerage, investment advisory and custodial accounts in my name (alone or jointly with others) at any bank, broker or financial institution and transfer all or any part of my interest in the cash, stocks, bonds and securities of the accounts to my trusts.

My Agent may enter and remove my property from any safe-deposit box registered in my name (alone or jointly with others) and transfer the removed property to my trusts.

My Agent may designate the trust as beneficiary to receive any property, benefit or contract right on my death, or to change any existing designation to the trust as beneficiary.

I also grant my Agent general powers for the specific purpose of transferring any interest I may have in property owned by me to any general partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability company in which I have an interest. This power is subject to the same limitations as set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Section.

### Section 3.02 Power to Amend Revocable Living Trust Agreement

My Agent may amend any revocable trust agreement ("trust") created by me before or after the execution of this power of attorney, and including any trust that may extend beyond my incapacity or beyond my lifetime to:

Alter the administrative and investment powers of my Trustee;

Reflect tax or other legal changes that affect trust administration; or

Correct ambiguities, including scrivener errors, that might otherwise require court construction or reformation.

#### Section 3.03 Power to Sell

Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may sell any interest I own in any kind of property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, including any contingent or expectant interest, marital right and any right of survivorship incident to joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety. My Agent may determine the terms of sale and may grant options with regard to sales.

My Agent may dispose of sales proceeds on my behalf as my Agent determines is appropriate.

#### Section 3.04 Power to Buy

Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may buy any kind of property. My Agent may determine the terms for buying property and may obtain options to buy property. In addition, my Agent may arrange to insure the purchased property, and otherwise arrange for its safekeeping.

My Agent is authorized to borrow money for the purposes described in this Section and to secure the loan in any manner my Agent determines is appropriate.

My Agent is authorized to repay from my funds any money borrowed by me or on my behalf and to pay for any purchases made or cash advanced using my credit cards.

#### Section 3.05 Power to Invest

My Agent may invest and reinvest all or any part of my property in any other property of whatever type, real or personal, tangible or intangible, and whether located inside or outside the geographic borders of the United States and its possession or territories. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Invest in securities of all kinds, limited partnership interests, real estate or any interest in real estate whether or not productive at the time of investment, commodities contracts of all kinds, interests in trusts including investment trusts;

Participate in common, collective or pooled trust funds or annuity contracts;

Sell or otherwise terminate any investment made by me or on my behalf, and establish and terminate savings and money market accounts at banks and other financial institutions;

Establish and terminate accounts with securities brokers and use brokerage accounts to make short sales and to buy on margin, and pledge any securities held or purchased in brokerage accounts as security for loans and advances made to the account;

Establish and terminate agency accounts with corporate fiduciaries; and

Employ and fire financial and investment advisors.

### Section 3.06 Power to Manage Real Property

My Agent may manage any real property I now own or may acquire in the future including my personal residence. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Lease and sublease property for any period, and grant options to lease or subdivide property, even if the term of the lease, sublease or option extends beyond the term of this power of attorney;

Eject and remove tenants or other persons from property, and recover the property by all lawful means;

Collect and sue for rents;

Pay, compromise or contest tax assessments and apply for tax assessment refunds;

Subdivide, partition, develop, dedicate property to public use without consideration, or grant or release easements over my real property;

Maintain, protect, repair, preserve, insure, build upon, improve, demolish, abandon and alter all or any part of my real property;

Employ laborers;

Obtain or vacate plats and adjust boundaries;

Adjust differences in the property's value on exchange or partition by giving or receiving consideration;

Release or partially release real property from a lien;

Enter into any contracts, covenants and warranty agreements regarding my real property that my Agent considers appropriate; and

Encumber property by mortgage or deed of trust.

My Agent may accept real property as a gift or as security for a loan.

# Section 3.07 Power to Manage Tangible Personal Property

My Agent may manage any tangible personal property I now own or may acquire in the future. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Lease and sublease property for any period, and grant options to lease or subdivide property, even if the term of the lease, sublease or option extends beyond the term of this power of attorney;

Recover my property by all lawful means;

Collect and sue for rents;

Pay, compromise or contest tax assessments and apply for tax assessment refunds;

Maintain, protect, repair, preserve, insure, improve, destroy, and abandon all or any part of my property; and

Grant security interests in my property.

My Agent may accept tangible personal property as a gift or as security for a loan.

#### Section 3.08 Power to Operate Businesses

My Agent may continue operating and managing any business in which I now or later own an interest for the period of time and in any manner my Agent considers appropriate. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Act as a director, general or limited partner, or associate or officer of the business;

Select and vote for directors, partners, associates and officers of the business and enter into owners' agreements with other owners of any business in which I have an interest:

Execute agreements and amendments to agreements necessary to the operation of the business including, but not limited to, stockholder agreements, partnership agreements, buy-sell agreements and operating agreements for limited liability companies;

Hire and fire employees;

Pay employees' salaries and provide for employee benefits;

Employ legal, accounting, financial and other consultants;

Continue, modify, terminate, renegotiate and extend any contracts with any person, firm, association or corporation;

Execute business tax returns and other government forms required for my business;

Pay all business related expenses;

Transact business for me in my name and on my behalf;

Contribute additional capital to the business;

Change the name or the form of the business;

Incorporate the business;

Enter into a partnership agreement with other persons;

Join in a plan to reorganize or consolidate my business, or merge my business with any other business;

Establish the value of the business under "buy-out" or "buy-sell" agreements to which I am a party;

Create, continue or terminate retirement plans for my business' employees and make contributions required by those plans;

Advance money or other property to the business and make loans of cash or securities to the business as my Agent considers appropriate; and

Borrow for the business and secure any loans with business assets or my personal assets.

My Agent may sell, liquidate or close a business upon terms my Agent considers appropriate, including a sale in exchange for cash, a private annuity and an installment note or any combination of those arrangements.

# Section 3.09 Power to Manage Partnership Interests

My Agent may manage any general, limited or special partnership interest I own now or in the future. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Exercise any right, power, privilege or option I may have or may claim under any contract with the partnership;

Modify or terminate my interest on terms and conditions my Agent considers appropriate;

Enforce the terms of the partnership agreement for my protection by instituting or maintaining any action, proceeding or otherwise as my Agent considers appropriate; and

Defend, arbitrate, settle or compromise any action or other legal proceeding to which I am a party because of my membership in the partnership.

## Section 3.10 Power to Manage Internet Accounts and Digital Assets

My Agent shall have the power to take control of, conduct, continue, or terminate any

internet accounts of mine, whether password protected or not. This includes, but is not limited to, internet accounts with financial institutions, custodians, insurance companies, business services, internet storage services, cloud providers, social networking websites (including, but not limited to, Facebook and Twitter), blogging websites, microblogging or short message service websites, any status update portions of websites, and any email service websites.

My Agent has the authority to access, modify, control, archive, transfer, and delete my digital assets.

Digital assets include my sent and received emails, email accounts, digital music, digital photographs, digital videos, gaming accounts, software licenses, social-networking accounts, file-sharing accounts, financial accounts, domain registrations, Domain Name System (DNS) service accounts, blogs, listservs, web-hosting accounts, tax-preparation service accounts, online stores and auction sites, online accounts, and any similar digital asset that currently exists or may be developed as technology advances.

My digital assets may be stored on the cloud or on my own digital devices. My Agent may access, use, and control my digital devices in order to access, modify, control, archive, transfer, and delete my digital assets—this power is essential for access to my digital assets that are only accessible through my digital devices. Digital devices include desktops, laptops, tablets, peripherals, storage devices, mobile telephones, smartphones, and any similar hardware that currently exists or may be developed as technology advances

### Section 3.11 Power Regarding Securities

My Agent may exercise all rights regarding securities that I own now or in the future. Specifically my Agent may:

Buy, sell, and exchange all types of securities and financial instruments including but not limited to stocks, bonds, mutual funds and commodity futures contracts and call and put options on stocks and stock indexes;

Receive certificates and other evidences of ownership with regard to securities;

Hold securities in bearer or uncertified form and use a central depository, clearing agency or book-entry system such as The Depository trust Company, Euroclear or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York;

Place all or any part of my securities in the custody of a bank or trust company or in the name of its nominee;

Employ a broker-dealer as custodian for my securities and register the securities in the name of the broker-deal or its nominee;

Exercise voting rights with respect to securities in person or by proxy, enter into voting trusts, and consent to limitations on the right to vote;

Participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transaction; and

Exercise any subscription rights, option rights (whether or not qualified under the Internal Revenue Code) or other rights to which I am entitled now or in the future, or to sell and dispose of these rights, and, if required, to sign my name to rights, warrants or other similar instruments.

#### Section 3.12 Power to Collect and Settle My Obligations

My Agent may collect all rights and benefits to which I am entitled now or in the future, including, but not limited to rights to, cash payments, property, debts, accounts, legacies, bequests, devises, dividends and annuities. In collecting my obligations, my Agent may demand, sue for, arbitrate, settle, compromise, receive, deposit, expend for my benefit, reinvest or otherwise dispose of these matters as my Agent determines appropriate.

My Agent may use all lawful means and methods to recover these assets and rights, to qualify me for benefits and claim benefits on my behalf, and to compromise claims and grant discharges regarding the matters described in this Section. My Agent may convert my assets into assets that do not disqualify me from receiving benefits, or my Agent may divest my assets altogether. In any divestment action or asset conversion, I direct my Agent to avoid disrupting the dispositive provisions of my estate plan as established by me prior to my incapacity.

### Section 3.13 Power Regarding Governmental Benefits

All Powers described in this section are exercisable with respect to all federal and state (or any subdivision thereof) programs existing when this power of attorney was executed or for which I become eligible after this power of attorney is executed. The power of attorney shall extend to any state in which I live when my Agent's powers become effective.

My Agent is appointed as my "Representative Payee" for the purposes of receiving Social Security benefits. My Agent may collect all benefits payable to or for my benefit by any governmental agency or body, such as Supplemental Social Security (SSI), Medicaid,

Medicare, and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). My Agent shall have the full power to represent me and deal in all ways necessary concerning rights or benefits payable to me by any governmental agency including, without limitation, Supplemental Social Security Income (SSSI), Medicaid and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI).

#### My Agent may:

Gift or otherwise spend down my estate for Medicaid eligibility and planning.

Execute vouchers in my name for allowances and reimbursements payable to me by the United States, a foreign government, a state, or a subdivision of a state to me, including allowances and reimbursements for my transportation, children's and other individual's customarily or legally entitled to be supported by me, and for shipment of their household effects.

Take possession, remove and ship any of my property from a post, warehouse, depot, dock, or other place of storage, whether governmental or private, and execute and deliver a release, voucher, receipt, bill of lading, shipping ticket, certificate, or other instrument for that purpose.

Prepare, file, and prosecute my claims for benefits or assistances, financial or otherwise, for any claim to which I am entitled under a statute or government regulation.

Prosecute, defend, arbitrate, settle, and propose or accept a compromise with respect to any benefits I may be entitled to receive.

Receive the financial proceeds of any type of claim described in this Section and invest, disburse, or use the proceeds on my behalf for any lawful purpose.

Sign on my behalf any document necessary to permit my return to my residence following my incapacity or other condition that prevents me from currently living there.

Execute any trust agreement described in 42 U.S.C. § 1396p (d)(4) with any trustee or trustees that my Agent selects. In addition, my Agent may deliver and convey any or all of my assets to the trustee or trustees of the trust as well as designate the trust as payee of any income to which I maybe entitled.

# Section 3.14 Power Regarding My Retirement Plans and Other Employee Benefits

My Agent may exercise all rights and collect all qualified retirement benefits to which I am entitled now or in the future. Specifically, my Agent may:

Establish, using any of my assets, one or more qualified retirement plans in my name;

Make contributions, including "rollover" contributions, or cause contributions to be made, to any qualified retirement plan my Agent considers appropriate using my assets;

Receive and endorse checks and other distributions to me from any qualified retirement plans, or arrange for the direct deposit of those checks or distributions in any of my accounts;

Elect any form of payment from my qualified retirement plans and to withdraw benefits on my behalf from the IRAs and retirement plans;

Make, exercise, waive or consent to any and all election and option that I may have regarding contributions to qualified retirement plans, investments and administration of the retirement plans, and distribution or other forms of qualified retirement benefits available to me; and

Borrow money, purchase assets from any of my qualified retirement plans and sell assets to any of my qualified retirement plans if the plan authorizes these actions.

My Agent may make primary and contingent beneficiary designations, whether revocable or irrevocable, change primary and contingent revocable beneficiary designations, and consent or waive consent in connection with the designation of primary and contingent beneficiaries and the selection of joint and survivor annuities under any employee benefit plan; provided, however, any such beneficiary designation must be to or for the benefit of a descendant of my parent or the spouse of a descendant of my parent. But my Agent may not directly or indirectly designate a greater share or portion of any benefit than my Agent would have otherwise received unless all other beneficiaries under the IRA or plan consent to the change in beneficiary designation.

For all purposes of this Section, "qualified retirement plan" means a plan qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code, an individual retirement arrangement under Section 408 or Section 408A or a tax-sheltered annuity under Section 403. The term "qualified retirement benefits" means the amounts held in or distributed pursuant to a plan qualified under Section 401, an individual retirement arrangement under Section 408 or Section 408A, a tax-sheltered annuity under Section 403 or any other benefit subject to the distribution rules of Section 401(a)(9).

### Section 3.15 Power Regarding Bank Accounts

My Agent may establish bank accounts of any type in one or more bank institutions that my Agent may choose. My Agent may modify, terminate, make deposits to, write checks on, make withdrawals from and grant security interests in any account in my name or to which I am an authorized signatory, except accounts held by me in a fiduciary capacity. In exercising this authority, it does not matter whether or not the account was established by me or for me by my Agent. My Agent is authorized to negotiate, endorse or transfer any check or other instrument with respect to any account, to contract for any services rendered by any bank or financial institution, and to execute, on my behalf as principal, any agency or power of attorney forms furnished by a bank with respect to accounts with the bank that appoints the bank or any person as my agent.

If more than one Agent is serving concurrently under this power of attorney, the signature of any one of them is sufficient to endorse checks or drafts and to draw checks or drafts on my financial accounts.

#### Section 3.16 Power Regarding Safe-Deposit Boxes

My Agent may contract with any institution to rent a safe-deposit box in my name. My Agent may have access to any safe-deposit box in my name or with respect to which I am an authorized signer. This Section will apply whether or not the contract for the safe-deposit box was executed by me alone or jointly with others or by my Agent in my name. My Agent may also add to or remove the contents of a safe-deposit box, or terminate any rental contract for a safe-deposit box.

#### Section 3.17 Power to Prosecute and Defend Legal Actions

My Agent may institute, supervise, prosecute, defend, intervene in, abandon, compromise, adjust, arbitrate, settle, dismiss, and appeal from any and all legal, equitable, judicial or administrative hearings, actions, suits or proceedings involving me in any way. This authority includes, but is not limited to, claims by or against me arising out of property damage or personal injury suffered by or caused by me or under circumstances such that the resulting loss may be imposed on me. My Agent may otherwise engage in litigation involving me, my property or my legal interests, including any property, interest or person for which or whom I have or may have any responsibility.

#### Section 3.18 Power to Loan and Borrow

My Agent may make secured or unsecured loans to any person, entity, trust or estate on my behalf, for any term or payable on demand, with or without interest. My Agent may enter into or modify the terms of any mortgage, deed of trust or security agreement made in connection with any loan and may release or foreclose on the mortgage, deed of trust, or security.

My Agent may borrow money on my behalf at interest rates and on other terms that my Agent considers advisable from any person, institution or other source including, if my then-acting Agent is a corporate fiduciary, its own banking or commercial lending department.

My Agent may encumber my property by mortgages, pledges, and other hypothecation and shall have the power to enter into any mortgage or deed of trust even though the term of the mortgage or deed of trust may extend beyond the term for which this power of attorney is effective.

My Agent may borrow money for any purpose on any life insurance policy owned by me on my life even though the term of the loan may extend beyond the term for which this power of attorney is effective. My Agent may grant a security interest in the policy to secure the loan. In this regard, my Agent may assign and deliver the policy as security. No insurance company will be under any obligation to determine the necessity of the loan or how my Agent applies the loan proceeds.

#### Section 3.19 Power to Create Revocable Trusts for my Benefit

My Agent may execute a revocable trust agreement with any trustee or trustees that my Agent selects. All income and principal must be paid under the trust agreement, to me or another person for my benefit or applied for my benefit. The income and principal of the trust must be paid under the agreement in the amounts that I or my Agent requests or that the trustee or trustees determine The trust agreement must provide that it may be revoked or amended by me or my Agent at any time. The trust agreement, however, must provide that any amendment by my Agent must be of a type that by law or under the provisions of this power of attorney could have been included in the original trust agreement. In addition, my Agent may deliver and convey any or all of my assets to the trustee or trustees of the revocable living trust, or convey any or all of my assets to a revocable living trust that exists now or is created by me after the creation on this power of attorney.

My Agent may be sole trustee of my revocable living trust or one of several trustees.

#### Section 3.20 Power to Withdraw Funds from Trusts

My Agent may withdraw and receive the income or principal of any trust over which I have a right of receipt or withdrawal. My Agent may request and receive the income or principal of any trust with respect to which the trustee has the discretionary power to make distributions to me or on my behalf. In connection with this, my Agent may execute and deliver to the trustee a receipt and release or similar document for the income or principal received. My Agent may exercise in whole or in part, release or let lapse any power of appointment held by me, whether general or special, or any amendment or revocation power under any trust even if the power may be exercised only with the consent of another person and even if my Agent is the other person, subject to any restrictions on exercise imposed on my Agent under this power of attorney.

#### Section 3.21 Power Regarding Insurance

My Agent may purchase, maintain, surrender, collect, or cancel:

All kinds of life insurance or annuities on my life or the life of any one in whom I have an insurable interest;

Liability insurance protecting me and my estate against third party claims;

Hospital insurance, medical insurance, Medicare supplement insurance, custodial care insurance, and disability income insurance for me or my dependents; and

Casualty insurance insuring my assets against loss or damage due to fire, theft, or other commonly insured risk.

My Agent may pay all insurance premiums, select any options under the policies, increase coverage under any policy, borrow against any policy, pursue all insurance claims on my behalf, and adjust insurance losses. This authority shall apply to both private and public plans, including Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and Workers' Compensation.

My Agent may decrease or terminate coverage under any insurance policy insuring my life. My Agent may receive and dispose of the cash value received if the policy is decreased or terminated and dispose of the cash value as my Agent considers appropriate.

#### Section 3.22 Power Regarding Taxes

My Agent may represent me in all tax matters and proceedings before any agent or officer of the Internal Revenue Service, state and local authorities and in any court, for all periods including the date this power of attorney is executed until December 31, 2035.

#### My Agent may:

Prepare, sign, and file all federal, state, and local tax returns including income, gift, FICA and payroll tax returns on my behalf;

Prepare, sign, and file claims for refunds, requests for extensions of time to file returns or pay taxes, extensions and waivers of applicable periods of limitation, protests and petitions to administrative agencies or courts (including, but not limited to, the United States Tax Court);

Sign consents and agreements under Section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code or any successor section and consents to split gifts, closing agreements, and any power of attorney form required by the Internal Revenue Service or any state or local taxing authority with respect to any tax year;

Pay taxes due, collect and dispose of refunds as my Agent determines appropriate, post bonds, receive confidential information and contest deficiencies determined by the Internal Revenue Service or any state or local taxing authority;

Exercise any election I have under federal, state or local tax law and allocate any generation-skipping tax exemption to which I am entitled; and

Engage representation for me in any and all tax proceedings by attorneys-at-law, Certified Public Accountants, enrolled agents, and other licensed tax professionals.

#### Section 3.23 Power to Deal with My Spouse

If I am married, my Agent may deal with my spouse on my behalf. In dealing with my spouse, my Agent may partition, transfer and exchange any of my marital property estate, whether separate or community property between my spouse and me. My Agent may enter into and execute on my behalf marital property agreements, partition and exchange agreements or community property agreements or may enforce, amend or revoke any marital property agreement between my spouse and me but only with respect to rights in and obligations with respect to property owned by my spouse, by me or by both of us and with respect to reclassification of management and control over our property.

#### Section 3.24 Power to Make Gifts

My Agent may make gifts on my behalf. In order to make gifts, my Agent may withdraw assets from any trust created by me or by my Attorney-in-Fact acting within the authority granted in **Section 3.19** and from which I may withdraw assets.

For purposes of this power of attorney, my Agent may forgive any debts owed to me, and any debt forgiven will be considered a gift to the debtor.

For purposes of this Section, "my beneficiaries" shall mean my descendants and beneficiaries, including contingent beneficiaries, named in my Will or my revocable living trust.

My Agent may make gifts on the following terms and conditions:

## (a) Continuation of My Gifting

My Agent may honor pledges and continue to make gifts to charitable organizations that I have regularly supported in the amounts I have customarily given. My Agent may make gifts in order to assure the continuation of any gifting program initiated by me prior to the time I became incapacitated.

My Agent may make special occasion gifts to my estate plan beneficiaries, family members, or friends, in equal or unequal amounts, that reflect my past giving and my relationship with such individuals.

# (b) Gifts to My Agent

I specifically authorize gifts to my Agent, but only a Special Agent appointed under the provisions of **Section 7.03** may make gifts to my Agent. My Agent may not make gifts to himself or herself, his or her estate, his or her creditors, or the creditors of his or her estate.

#### (c) Gifts to My Beneficiaries

My Agent may make gifts on my behalf, limited in amount to the federal annual gift tax exclusion amount, to or for the benefit of my beneficiaries if my Agent considers the gift to be in my best interest or in the best interest of the beneficiary, including, without limitation, the minimization of income, estate, inheritance or gift taxes.

#### (d) Gifts Less than the Annual Federal Gift Tax Exclusion

My Agent may make gifts in amounts less than the annual federal gift tax exclusion to my beneficiaries without consent of any other person. My Agent shall not be liable to any beneficiary for exercising or failing to exercise its discretion to make gifts.

#### (e) Gifts for Tuition

My Agent may prepay the cost of tuition for any of my beneficiaries. My Agent shall make the payments directly to the educational institution or by establishing and contributing to a Qualified State Tuition Program established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### (f) Gifts for Medical Expenses

My Agent may pay medical expenses for any of my beneficiaries as permitted under Section 2503(e) of the Internal Revenue Code. My Agent shall make the payments directly to the medical provider.

# (g) Methods of Making Gifts

My Agent may make gifts of my property under this Section outright, in trust or in any other manner that my Agent considers appropriate.

By way of example and without limiting my Agent's powers under this Section, my Agent is specifically authorized to make gifts by creating tenancy in common and joint tenancy interests or establishing irrevocable trusts including charitable or non-charitable split interest trusts. My Agent may make gifts by establishing and contributing my property to corporations, family limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies or other similar entities and by making gifts of interests in any of those entities.

To accomplish the objectives described in this subsection, my Agent may establish and maintain financial accounts of all types and may execute, acknowledge, seal and deliver deeds, assignments, agreements, authorizations, checks and other instruments. My Agent may prosecute, defend, submit to arbitration, settle or propose or accept a compromise with

respect to a claim existing in favor of or against me based on or involving a gift transaction on my behalf. My Agent may intervene in any related action or proceeding.

My Agent may perform any other act my Agent considers necessary or desirable to complete a gift on my behalf in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

#### (h) Standard for Making Gifts

It is my desire that in making gifts on my behalf, my Agent consider the history of my gift making and my estate plan. To the extent reasonably possible, I direct my Agent to avoid disrupting the dispositive provisions of my estate plan as established by me prior to my incapacity.

#### (i) Ratification of Gifts

I specifically ratify any gifts made by my Agent under the terms of this power of attorney.

#### (j) Gifts shall be Considered Advancements

Except distributions to a dependent of mine, all distributions made under this section <u>shall</u> be considered an advancement to the recipient and <u>shall</u> be charged against the share of the recipient (or against the share of such recipient's ancestor or descendants) that may be distributable under any other provision of my estate plan.

# Article Four Limitation on Powers

All powers granted to my Agent under this power of attorney are subject to the limitations set forth in this Article.

#### Section 4.01 Tax Sensitive Powers

No individual serving as my Agent may exercise any fiduciary power or discretion if the exercise of that power or discretion would:

Cause any income generated by my property to be attributed to my Agent for federal income tax purposes;

Cause the value of any property subject to this power of attorney to be included in my Agent's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes;

Cause any distribution made or allowed to be made by my Agent to be treated as a gift from my Agent; or

Discharge a legal obligation of my Agent.

If the exercise of a power by my Agent under this power of attorney would cause any of the foregoing results, a Special Agent appointed under the provisions of Section 7.03 may exercise the power or discretion.

#### Section 4.02 Life Insurance on the Life of My Agent

No individual Agent may exercise any powers or rights in a policy owned by me that insures the life of that Agent. Any powers and rights regarding the policy will be exercised solely by another Agent serving under this power of attorney.

#### Section 4.03 Prohibition on Power over Prior Transfers

No Agent may exercise any power or authority over any irrevocable trust created by my Agent to which I am a trustee or a beneficiary or any asset given to me by my Agent.

#### Section 4.04 My Agent to Avoid Disrupting My Estate Plan

If it becomes necessary for my Agent to liquidate or reinvest any of my assets to provide support for me, I direct that my Agent, to the extent that it is reasonably possible, avoid disrupting the dispositive provisions of my estate plan as established by me prior to my incapacity.

If it is necessary to disrupt the dispositive provisions of my estate plan, my Agent will use his or her best efforts to restore my plan as soon as possible. My Agent will make reasonable efforts to obtain and review my estate plan. I authorize any person with knowledge of my estate plan or possession of my estate planning documents to disclose information to my Agent and to provide copies of documents to my Agent.

# Article Five Guardian of my Person and Conservator of My Estate

# Section 5.01 Desire That No Guardian or Conservator Be Appointed

By executing this instrument upon the advice of legal counsel, I have carefully and deliberately created the means and manner by which I desire that my person and property be cared for, managed and protected in the event I shall become unable to execute such responsibilities myself. Accordingly, it is my intention and my desire that I herewith express in the strongest possible terms, that no guardian or conservator be appointed for me so long as there is an Agent named in this instrument who is willing and able to act and serve under this instrument.

If my request that no guardian or conservator by appointed is not honored, to the extent that I am permitted by law to do so, I herewith nominate constitute and appoint my Agent to serve as my guardian, conservator and/or in any similar representative capacity of my person or of my estate.

#### Section 5.02 Nomination of Guardian and Conservator

If I am not permitted by law to so nominate, constitute and appoint, then I request in the strongest possible terms that any court of competent jurisdiction which may receive and be asked to act upon a petition by any person to appoint a guardian, conservator or similar representative of my person give the greatest possible weight to this request.

To the extent allowed by law, I direct that no part of this Power of Attorney shall be revoked or become inoperative upon the appointment of a conservator or guardian of my person; I intend that the decisions of my Agent shall prevail over any contrary decisions of any guardian or conservator appointed for me.

#### Section 5.03 Requested Powers of Conservator of my estate

If the person nominated above is appointed conservator of my estate by a court of this state, I request the court make an order granting to such person all or as many of those independent powers listed below as the court shall find appropriate.

The power to contract for the guardianship or conservatorship and to perform outstanding contracts and thereby bind the estate.

The power to operate at the risk of the estate a business, farm, or enterprise constituting an asset of the estate.

The power to grant and take options.

The power to sell at public or private sale real or personal property of the estate.

The power to create by grant or otherwise easements and servitudes.

The power to borrow money and give security for the repayment thereof.

The power to purchase real or personal property.

The power to alter, improve, and repair or raze, replace, and rebuild property of the estate.

The power to let or lease property of the estate for any purpose (including exploration for and removal of gas oil and other minerals and natural resources) and for any period, including a term commencing at a future time.

The power to lend money on adequate security.

The power to exchange property of the estate.

The power to sell property of the estate on credit if any unpaid portion of the selling price is adequately secured.

The power to commence and maintain an action for partition.

The power to exercise stock rights and stock options.

The power to participate in and become subject to and to consent to the provisions of a voting trust and of a reorganization, consolidation, merger, dissolution, liquidation, or other modification or adjustment affecting estate property.

The power to pay, collect, compromise, arbitrate or otherwise adjust claims, debts or demands upon the conservatorship.

The power to employ attorneys, accountants, investment counsel, Agents, depositories and employees and to pay the expense.

# Article Six Provisions Pursuant to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

The provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its signing by me and shall continue to be in effect before, during, and after my incapacitation, if any.

For purposes of compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) privacy rules (and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), all health care providers shall treat my Agent acting under any Health Care Power of Attorney as my HIPAA Personal Representative (and as my ERISA Authorized Representative). As required by 45 CFR 164.524, all health care providers shall provide my Agent with access to my protected health information, including, without limitations all HIPAA protected health information, medical and hospital records. My Agent may authorize disclosure of my protected health information to others. For purposes of this General Durable Power of Attorney, my Agent is hereby directed to disclose any such information to my Agent under this General Durable Power of Attorney or any other person reasonably needing such information in order to make a decision regarding my capacity. Health care providers (whether or not covered by HIPAA) include, but are not limited to, the physician, health care professional, dentist, health plan, hospital, clinic,

laboratory, pharmacy, insurance company, and the Medical Information Bureau, Inc., or other health care clearinghouse.

I specifically authorize my Agent to request, receive, review, inspect, and copy any information regarding my physical or mental health from any person or entity whether or not such person or entity is a "covered entity" under the HIPAA provisions; to execute on my behalf any authorizations, releases or other documents that may be required in order to obtain this information; and to consent to the disclosure of this information. I further authorize my Agent to execute on my behalf any documents necessary or desirable to implement the health care decisions that my Agent are authorized to make under this document. All provisions of this document shall be interpreted to assist my Agent to implement the health care decisions that my Agent is authorized to make under any document. Any information disclosed to my Agent may be released by my Agent in any capacity for any purpose.

I authorize my Agent to take any and all legal steps necessary to ensure compliance with my instructions to provide access to my protected health information. Such steps shall include resorting to any and all legal procedures in and out of courts as may be necessary to enforce my rights under the law and shall include attempting to recover attorney fees against anyone who does not comply with this General Durable Power of Attorney. I authorize my Agent to report any suspected HIPAA violations to the proper authorities.

I waive any liability to any physician, hospital or any health care provider who releases any and all of my medical records to my Agent. I do not waive any such liability to any person or entity who refuses to provide information requested by my Agent.

I understand that I may refuse to sign this Authorization. I also understand that no healthcare provider may deny or refuse to provide treatment, payment, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility for benefits if I refuse to sign this Authorization.

I understand that, with certain exceptions, I have the **right to revoke** this Authorization at any time. If I want to revoke this Authorization, I must do so in writing. The procedure for how I may revoke this Authorization, as well as the exceptions to my right to revoke, will be performed in accordance with applicable federal law and any applicable policy of the health care provider to whom this authorization has been provided. I may revoke this authorization as to any person or entity at any time by notifying such person or entity in writing. Such revocation will be effective for a person or entity only when received by the person or entity. I understand that any such revocation will not have any effect on any information already used or disclosed prior to the time such person or entity receives my written notice of revocation.

The authority given to my Agent pursuant to this document shall expire when revoked in a written document signed by me or upon my death, whichever first occurs.

I understand that, once information is disclosed to my Agent pursuant to the Authorization of this document, it is possible that it will no longer be protected by applicable federal medical privacy law and could be re-disclosed by the person or agency that receives it.

The terms "covered entity," "any person or entity," "health care provider," or the like shall each be given the broadest possible definition to enable my Agent to carry out the purposes of this General Durable Power of Attorney.

# Article Seven Administrative Powers and Provisions

This Article contains certain administrative powers and provisions that facilitate the use of the power of attorney and that protect my Agent and those who rely upon my Agent.

#### Section 7.01 Release of Information

My Agent may release and obtain, as the case may be, any and all information regarding my financial investments and taxes, including any information regarding stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, bank accounts, tax returns, retirement accounts, pension plans, and any other documents or information regarding my financial affairs and taxes from my attorneys-at-law, financial advisors, insurance professionals, accountants, stockbrokers, stock transfer agents, and any other persons having such information.

I release these persons or entities from any liability for releasing the above-referenced information to my Agent in reliance on this Section.

If my Agent is an attorney-at-law or other accounting or financial professional, the professional regulations of my Agent's profession and federal law may prohibit my Agent from releasing information about my financial affairs to others if I am a client of my Agent. This instrument, therefore, is a limited waiver of any privilege (such as the attorney-client privilege) that I have established with any Agent as a client. The privilege is waived for the limited purpose of permitting my Agent to perform his or her duties under this power of attorney.

#### Section 7.02 Nomination of Conservator of my Estate

If at any time proceedings are initiated for the appointment of Conservator of my estate, I nominate the person serving, or named to serve, as my Agent under this power of attorney at the time the proceedings are initiated.

# Section 7.03 Appointment of a Special or Ancillary Agent

If for any reason any Agent is unwilling or unable to act with respect to any property or any provision of this power of attorney, my Agent shall appoint, in writing, a corporate fiduciary or an individual to serve as Special Agent as to the property or with respect to the provision. The Special Agent appointed must be an individual that is not related or subordinate to my Agent within the meaning of Section 672(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. My Agent may revoke any such appointment at will.

If my Agent determines that it is necessary or desirable to appoint an Ancillary Agent to act under this power of attorney in a jurisdiction other than this one, my Agent may do so. In making an appointment, my Agent may sign, execute, deliver, acknowledge and make declarations in any documents that may be necessary, desirable, convenient or proper in order to carry out the appointment.

A Special or Ancillary Agent may exercise all powers granted by this power of attorney unless expressly limited elsewhere in this power of attorney or by the instrument appointing the Special or Ancillary Agent. A Special or Ancillary Agent may resign at any time by delivering written notice of resignation to my Agent. Notice of resignation shall be effective in accordance with the terms of the notice.

# Section 7.04 Agent Authorized to Employ My Attorney

My Agent may employ the attorney who prepared this power of attorney or any other attorney employed by me in connection with my estate plan or business matters and I specifically:

Waive any and all conflicts of interest that might arise through such employment;

Authorize the attorney to make full disclosure of my estate plan and business to the Agent; and

Authorize the attorney to accept the engagement.

# Section 7.05 Fiduciary Eligibility of Agent

My Agent shall be eligible to serve in any other fiduciary capacity for me or for my benefit, including trustee, guardian, conservator, committee, executor, administrator, or personal representative.

# Section 7.06 Reimbursement for Expenses

My Agent may reimburse himself or herself for all reasonable expenses incurred for carrying out any provision of this power of attorney.

# Section 7.07 Liability of Agent

I release and discharge any Agent acting in good faith from any and all civil liability and from all claims or demands of all kinds whatsoever by me, my estate, and my heirs, successors and assigns arising out of the acts or omissions of my Agent, except for willful

misconduct or gross negligence. This protection extends to the estate, heirs, successors and assigns of my Agent.

#### Section 7.08 Amendment and Revocation

I may amend or revoke this power of attorney at any time. Amendments to this document must be made in writing by me personally (not by my Agent) and must be attached to the original of this document and recorded in the same county or counties as the original if the original is recorded.

#### Section 7.09 Resignation

My Agent may resign by the execution of a written resignation delivered to me or, if I am mentally disabled, by delivery to any person with whom I am residing or who has my care and custody.

### Section 7.10 Signature of Agent

My Agent shall use the following form when signing documents on my behalf pursuant to this power:

Katherine A. Cullen by [enter Agent's name], her Agent.

#### Section 7.11 Interpretation

This power of attorney is a general power of attorney and should be interpreted as granting my Agent all general powers permitted under the laws of the state of South Carolina. The description of specific powers is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict any of the general powers granted to my Agent.

#### Section 7.12 Use of "Agent" Nomenclature

The word "Agent" and any modifying or equivalent word or substituted pronoun includes the singular and the plural and the masculine, feminine and neuter genders.

## Section 7.13 Third Party Reliance

No person who relies in good faith on the authority of my Agent under this power of attorney will incur any liability to me, my estate, or my heirs, successors and assigns.

Any party dealing with my Agent may conclusively rely upon an affidavit or certificate of my Agent that:

The authority granted to my Agent under this power of attorney is in effect;

My Agent's actions are within the scope of my Agent's authority under this power of attorney;

I was competent when I executed this power of attorney;

I have not revoked this power of attorney; and

My Agent is currently serving as my Agent.

# Section 7.14 Effect of Duplicate Originals or Copies

If this power of attorney has been executed in multiple counterparts, each counterpart original will have equal force and effect. My Agent may make photocopies (photocopies shall include: facsimiles and digital or other reproductions, hereafter referred to collectively as "photocopy") of this power of attorney and each photocopy will have the same force and effect as the original.

### Section 7.15 Governing Law

This power of attorney's validity and interpretation will be governed by the laws of the state of South Carolina. To the extent permitted by law, this power of attorney is applicable to all my property, whether real, personal, intangible or mixed, wherever located, and whether or not the property is owned by me now or in the future.

#### Section 7.16 Severability

If any provision of this power of attorney is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.

# Article Eight Declarations of the Principal

I understand that this power of attorney is an important legal document. Before executing this power of attorney, my attorney explained to me the following:

The power of attorney provides my Agent with broad powers to dispose of, sell, convey and encumber my real and personal property.

The powers will exist for an indefinite period of time unless I revoke the power of attorney or I have limited their duration by specific provisions in the power of attorney.

This Durable Power of Attorney will continue to exist notwithstanding my subsequent disability or incapacity.

I have the power to revoke or terminate this Durable Power of Attorney at any time.

# Article Nine Special Provisions Regarding Third Party Cooperation and Indemnity

To induce any third party to act hereunder, I hereby agree that any third party receiving a duly executed copy or facsimile of this instrument may act hereunder, and that revocation or termination hereof shall be ineffective as to such third party unless and until actual notice or knowledge of such revocation or termination shall have been received by such third party and I, for myself and for my heirs, executors, legal representatives and assigns, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless any such third party from and against any and all claims that may arise against such third party by reason of such third party having relied on the provision of this instrument.

Any third party which fails to accept this document or honor the powers granted herein to my agent shall be liable to me, my agent and my heirs, executors, legal representatives and assigns for any costs, expenses, lost profits, revenues, damages for lost opportunity or sale, interest and reasonable attorney's fees or any other damages caused by the third party's failure to accept the authority herein granted to my agent.

No third party shall require a different form of Power of Attorney, and a photocopy or electronically transmitted facsimile of the executed original shall be relied upon to the same extent as the original.

This section shall supplement and shall supersede all other provisions which are in conflict. It is my intention that his section will give additional encouragement and comfort to third parties who deal with my agent.

I have the power to revoke or terminate this Durable Power of Attorney at any time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on **July 30**, **2020** 

Katherine A. Cullen, Principal

#### **ACCEPTANCE BY Agent:**

The Undersigned Agent acknowledges and accepts appointment as Agent, and agrees to serve as Agent, under this instrument. The signature of an Agent (if it appears on this page) is merely for the purpose of giving a specimen of the Agent's signature.

Agent's Signature	Date

#### Witness Attestation

The foregoing durable power of attorney was, on the day and year written above, published and declared by **Katherine A. Cullen**, in our presence to be her power of attorney. We, in her presence and at her request, and in the presence of each other, have attested to the same and have signed our names as attesting witnesses.

We declare that at the time of our attestation of this instrument, Katherine A. Cullen was, according to our best knowledge and belief, of sound mind and memory and under no undue duress or constraint.

Patra Bucher, Witness

858 Lowcountry Blvd Suite 101

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Nat B. Benson, Jr., Witness 858 Lowcountry Blvd Suite 101

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)
	) ss
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON	)

We, Patra Bucher and Nat B. Benson, Jr., the witnesses, whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument, having been sworn, signed, acknowledged and declared to the undersigned officer that the principal, in the presence of witnesses, signed the instrument as his power of attorney as principal and that each of the witnesses, in the presence of the principal, and in the presence of each other, signed the power of attorney as a witness. The subscribing witnesses are not a party to/or beneficiary of the transaction.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]



Notary Public
Nat B. Benson Jr.

858 Lowcountry Boulevard Ste 101 Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

My commission expires: January 8, 2026