

**THE  
BRUNSTING FAMILY  
IRREVOCABLE TRUST**

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# **THE BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST**

## **Article I**

### **The Creation of Our Irrevocable Trust**

#### **Section A. Our Declaration of Trust**

This trust declaration is made this day by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and wife, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, (together called "Founders") who presently reside in Harris County, Texas. This is our irrevocable trust. The initial Trustee of this irrevocable trust shall be ANITA KAY RILEY.

#### **Section B. The Title of Our Trust**

Although the name we have given to our irrevocable trust for our own convenience is the BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, the full legal name of our irrevocable trust for purposes of transferring assets into the trust, holding title to assets and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, shall be known as:

ANITA KAY RILEY, Trustee, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST dated February 12, 1997, as amended.

#### **Section C. An Irrevocable Trust**

This trust is irrevocable. Neither Founder shall have any power to control and direct payments, remove trust property, or alter, amend, revoke or terminate this trust, either in whole or in part.

#### **Section D. Forfeiture of Founders' Rights in this Trust**

Subsequent to the execution of this irrevocable trust agreement, neither Founder shall have any right, title nor interest in the income or principal of this irrevocable trust. In addition, neither Founder shall have any right, title, interest, power, incident of ownership nor any

other benefit in any property or asset of this irrevocable trust. Neither Founder nor the respective estates of either Founder shall have any reversionary or similar interest in this irrevocable trust or the property or assets contained in it.

**Section E. Our Beneficiaries and Family**

This irrevocable trust is created for the use and the benefit of the children named herein. Such children shall be the beneficiaries of the lifetime separate trusts created under this trust agreement.

For reference, our children are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS	March 12, 1953
CAROL ANN BRUNSTING	October 16, 1954
CARL HENRY BRUNSTING	July 31, 1957
AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART	October 7, 1961
ANITA KAY RILEY	August 7, 1963

All references to our children or to our descendants are to these named children, as well as any children subsequently born to us or legally adopted by us.

The terms "trust beneficiary" or "beneficiary" will also mean any and all persons, organizations, trusts and entities who may have or may acquire a beneficial interest in this trust, whether vested or contingent in nature, including a transfer of an interest in the trust during our lives, from either of us, or both, or from an exercise of a power of appointment by a trust beneficiary or otherwise.

## **Article II**

### **Transfers of Assets to Our Trust**

#### **Section A. Our Initial Contribution**

We have delivered to the Trustee \$10.00 and such other certain property, as set forth in the schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, as the initial assets of this trust, the receipt of which is acknowledged.

#### **Section B. Additions to Our Trust**

Any person, including either of us, a trust or entity may add property of any character to this trust by a last will and testament, from another trust (regardless of whether such trust is a living trust or a trust contained in a Will), by a deed or any other legally accepted method of assignment, conveyance, delivery or transfer, subject only to the acceptance of such property or asset by the Trustee. All property interests transferred, assigned, conveyed or delivered to the Trustee shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement. All such interests transferred, assigned, conveyed or delivered to the Trustee in trust shall be absolute and irrevocable.

## **Article III**

### **Trust Administration During The Founders' Lives**

#### **Section A. Division of Shares**

While either Founder is living, the Trustee shall divide all contributions to this trust into equal shares for each living beneficiary named herein. Such division shall occur at the time the contribution is made. Each share which is established for a beneficiary shall be held in a lifetime separate trust for the beneficiary as provided in this Article.

#### **Section B. Income and Principal Distributions**

The Trustee shall pay to, or apply for the benefit of, each beneficiary as much of the net income and principal of such beneficiary's lifetime separate trust as the Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines to be necessary or advisable for such beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support. The Trustee shall accumulate and add to the principal of each respective lifetime separate trust all net income which is not distributed pursuant to this Section.

The decision to make distributions pursuant to this Section shall be in the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion. Therefore, any income or other resource which is available to a beneficiary outside of this trust and is known to the Trustee may be considered prior to making distributions pursuant to this Section.

In no event shall the Trustee make any payment or distribution which would in any way discharge any legal obligation of either Founder, or which would otherwise benefit either Founder monetarily.

During the Founders' lives, each beneficiary will have the authority to issue a written directive to the Trustee to convert trust property which does not produce an income, or which is underproductive, into property which is income producing or which will provide a greater income to the trust. The Trustee shall convert the property immediately after receiving written direction to that effect.

The Trustee may convert the property by selling the unproductive or underproductive asset upon such terms and conditions as are prudent and reasonable under all circumstances which may then exist (including the acceptance of an income or interest bearing obligation as the whole or a part of the sales price), and investing the proceeds of the sale in income producing instruments or obligations.

### **Section C. A Beneficiary's Right to Withdraw**

Prior to the deaths of both Founders, each living beneficiary shall have the right to withdraw that beneficiary's share of any property which is given or deemed to be given to the trust during a calendar year by a direct or indirect transfer of property to the trust. Such right to withdraw shall exist during such calendar year. For purposes of determining the value of the withdrawal rights, the value of the gift contributed shall be used. Each beneficiary's right to withdraw shall be subject only to the limitations and qualifications as are provided in the provisions of this Article which follow.

In no event shall the total amount which a beneficiary may withdraw by reason of an addition or additions to his or her lifetime separate trust in any one calendar year exceed twice the gift tax annual exclusion under Section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (currently \$10,000 per donee) or any other corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws in effect in the calendar year of withdrawal.

### **Section D. Exercising the Right to Withdraw**

A beneficiary may exercise his or her right to withdraw at any time within thirty (30) days from the date of the notice by the Trustee to the withdrawal right beneficiary of the transfer to the trust. Each beneficiary's withdrawal right shall be vested as of the date of the transfer to the trust which results in a withdrawal right. A beneficiary shall exercise his or her right to withdraw by delivering a written request to the Trustee within thirty (30) days from the date of the Trustee's notice of such withdrawal right.

A beneficiary's right to withdraw is non-cumulative. To the extent that the withdrawal right has not been exercised at the end of thirty (30) days after the date of the notice, or to the extent that the withdrawal right has been waived in writing by the withdrawal right beneficiary at any time prior to the end of the thirty (30) day period, such withdrawal right shall lapse.

A beneficiary's vested withdrawal right shall not terminate by reason of such beneficiary's death. Upon the death of a withdrawal right beneficiary, the personal representative of the beneficiary's estate shall have the right to exercise the beneficiary's vested withdrawal right on behalf of the beneficiary's estate.

### **Section E. Trustee's Notice**

Within fifteen (15) days following the transfer of property to this trust, the Trustee shall provide written notice to each beneficiary who is then entitled to a right to withdraw that



property has been transferred to the trust. Such notice shall inform the beneficiary of such beneficiary's right to withdraw and shall be delivered by hand or by mail to the last known address of the beneficiary.

If an indirect transfer is made to the trust, the Trustee shall provide written notice to each beneficiary then entitled to a right to withdraw that property has been transferred to the trust. Such notice shall be provided within fifteen days of the Trustee's actual notice of such indirect transfer. The notice shall inform the beneficiary of the right of the beneficiary to withdraw and shall be delivered by hand or by mail to the last known address of the beneficiary.

Neither Founder shall be permitted to add beneficiaries or expand the class of individuals to be beneficiaries subsequent to the date that this trust is executed. In any event, if additional individuals subsequently become qualified to be beneficiaries of the trust as a result of being born or adopted after this trust is signed, the Trustee shall give written notice to or on behalf of that beneficiary within a reasonable time after being informed of the additional beneficiary.

#### **Section F. Minor or Disabled Beneficiaries**

If a beneficiary entitled to make a withdrawal is a minor or is under any other form of legal disability during all or part of any withdrawal period, the beneficiary's legal or natural guardian, conservator or personal representative shall be informed of, and may exercise, the withdrawal right on behalf of the beneficiary.

#### **Section G. Additional Duties of the Trustee**

In order to satisfy any outstanding withdrawal rights, the Trustee shall retain sufficient liquid trust property or other trust property which is transferable. The Trustee may distribute trust property in cash or in kind, including insurance policies held in the trust or interests in such policies, to a beneficiary making a withdrawal. In addition, the Trustee is authorized to borrow, upon such terms as are reasonable and necessary, in order to provide for payment of amounts required by any exercise of withdrawal rights by a beneficiary.

#### **Section H. Indirect Transfers**

If any payment is made directly to an insurance company by any party other than the Trustee of all or any part of a premium on a life insurance policy owned by the trust on the joint lives of the Founders, or on the life of either Founder, the amount of such payment shall be

deemed a transfer to the trust. To the extent that the payment is deemed to be a gift from one or both of the Founders to the beneficiaries for federal gift tax purposes, the date of the premium payment shall also be the date of the transfer. Any such indirect transfer shall create withdrawal rights in an amount equal to the value of the deemed gift.

#### **Section I. Property Not Withdrawn**

Any amount which is subject to a withdrawal right and which is not withdrawn by the beneficiary of the withdrawal right, either because of lapse or a signed waiver, shall be retained as a part of such beneficiary's lifetime separate trust and shall be subject to the terms of the lifetime separate trust under this Article.

#### **Section J. Beneficiary's Death Prior to Founders' Deaths**

If a beneficiary dies while either Founder is still living, such beneficiary's lifetime separate trust shall terminate upon the death of the beneficiary for whom it was held.

In addition, if a beneficiary dies prior to the death of both Founders, such beneficiary shall have the unlimited and unrestricted general power to appoint the cumulative value of the amounts subject to the beneficiary's withdrawal power during the term of the trust and not withdrawn during the beneficiary's lifetime or not distributed to the beneficiary by the Trustee as a discretionary distribution. Such appointment may be among persons, corporations, such beneficiary's estate or other entities in any proportion, and on such terms and conditions as such beneficiary may elect. The right to exercise this general power of appointment is the sole and exclusive right of such beneficiary. The Trustee shall distribute the appointed portion of such beneficiary's property over which the beneficiary had a withdrawal power according to such appointment if exercised and specifically referred to in a valid last will and testament or living trust agreement executed by the deceased beneficiary.

To the extent this general power of appointment is not exercised by a beneficiary, the Trustee shall retain the unappointed principal and accumulated income of the lifetime separate trust until the death of the last Founder to die. After both Founders have died, the Trustee shall administer and distribute the principal and accumulated income of the deceased beneficiary's lifetime separate trust as provided in the subsequent provisions of this trust agreement relating to distribution after both Founders' deaths.

## **Section K. Administration of Lifetime Separate Trusts Subsequent to Both Founders' Deaths**

When the surviving Founder dies, each separate lifetime trust held for a beneficiary who is living at the death of the surviving Founder shall be held, administered and distributed according to the following guidelines and in the following order:

The Trustee shall maintain the lifetime separate trust under this Article for a beneficiary who is living after both of us are deceased. The Trustee shall hold, administer and distribute the income and principal of this lifetime separate trust in the same manner as the income and principal is held, administered and distributed under the separate trust created for that beneficiary in Article VI of this trust agreement.

Notwithstanding anything in Article VI to the contrary, a beneficiary's lifetime separate trust created under this Article and being administered according to the provisions of the separate trust for the beneficiary as provided in Article VI shall be subject to a general power of appointment.

The beneficiary shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint all of the value of the lifetime separate trust among persons, corporations, such beneficiary's estate or other entities in any proportion and on such terms and conditions as such beneficiary may elect. The right to exercise this testamentary general power of appointment is the sole and exclusive right of the beneficiary. The Trustee shall distribute the appointed portion of the value of the lifetime separate trust according to such appointment if exercised and specifically referred to in a valid last will and testament or living trust agreement executed by the beneficiary.

This testamentary general power of appointment specifically grants to the beneficiary the right to appoint property to the beneficiary's own estate.

To the extent this testamentary general power of appointment is not exercised by a beneficiary, the Trustee shall distribute the trust principal and accrued income under the lapse provisions for the separate trust created for the beneficiary under Article VI.

A lifetime separate trust shall not include the proceeds of any death benefit payable to the trust with respect to any life insurance policy on the lives of either or both Founders. The principal of the lifetime separate trust shall be computed to include only the value of a life insurance policy on the lives of either or both Founders immediately prior to the death that creates the death benefit. The death benefit shall be administered and disposed of under the subsequent provisions of this trust agreement which relate to distributions after the deaths of both Founders.

Although the death benefit under any policy of life insurance on the lives of either or both Founders will not be included in the value of a lifetime separate trust, the Trustee may use the death benefit to fund, in whole or in part, the value of any lifetime separate trust created under this Article.

## Article IV

### Life Insurance

#### Section A. Purchase of Life Insurance

The Trustee may purchase and hold as trust property a policy or policies of insurance on either Founders' life or lives, the Founders' joint lives, the life of any trust beneficiary, or on the life of any person in whom any trust beneficiary has an insurable interest. The Trustee may also receive any such policies made as a gift to the trust, and thereafter may hold and deal with the policies as the owner.

In addition to all other powers that a policy owner may possess, the Trustee shall have, in its sole and absolute discretion, the following powers:

1. To execute or cancel any automatic premium loan agreement with respect to any policy.
2. To elect or cancel any automatic premium loan provision in a life insurance policy.
3. To borrow money with which to pay premiums due on any policy either from the company issuing the policy or from any other source.
4. To assign any such policy as security for such loan.
5. To exercise any option contained in a policy with regard to any dividend or share of surplus apportioned to the policy.
6. To reduce the amount of a policy or convert or exchange the policy.
7. To surrender a policy at any time for its cash value.
8. To elect any paid-up insurance or any extended-term insurance nonforfeiture option contained in a policy.
9. To sell policies at their fair market value to the insured or to anyone having an insurable interest in the policy.

10. To exercise any other right, option or benefit contained in a policy or permitted by the insurance company issuing that policy.

Upon the termination of this trust, the Trustee shall have the power to transfer and assign the policies held by the trust as a distribution of trust property.

The Trustee shall make every effort to transfer any policy insuring a beneficiary's life to that beneficiary as part of that beneficiary's distributive share.

#### **Section B. Upon the Death of an Insured**

Upon the death of an insured, the Trustee shall make all appropriate after-death elections with respect to insurance policies on the life of the insured then held by the trust including, but not limited to, the following:

The Trustee shall make every effort to collect all sums made payable to this trust or the Trustee upon the death of an insured. In collecting such sums, the Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, exercise settlement options available under the terms of a policy held by this trust. However, the Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary for the settlement option ultimately selected.

In order to enforce the payment of any death proceeds, the Trustee may institute any legal, equitable, administrative or other proceeding. However, the Trustee need not take any action to enforce any payment until the Trustee, in its sole judgment, has been indemnified to its satisfaction for all expenses and liabilities to which it may be subjected. The Trustee is expressly authorized, in its sole and absolute discretion, to adjust, settle and compromise any and all claims that may arise from the collection of any death proceeds. Any decision made by the Trustee, pursuant to this Section, shall be binding and conclusive on all beneficiaries.

Any person or entity which pays any type of death proceeds to the Trustee, as beneficiary, shall not be required to inquire into any of the provisions of this trust agreement, nor will they be required to see to the application of any such proceeds by the Trustee. The Trustee's receipt of death proceeds shall relieve the payor of any further liability as a result of making such payment.

## Article V

### Trust Administration on a Founder's Death

#### Section A. Purchase of Assets and Loans

Notwithstanding anything in this agreement to the contrary, the Trustee shall not have the power to use any trust property for the benefit of either Founders' estates as defined in Section 20.2042-1(b) of Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, unless such property is included in a deceased Founder's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes.

Otherwise, the Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received, as an addition to the trust, any property which is a part of the probate or trust estate of a deceased Founder. In addition, the Trustee may make loans, with or without security, to such probate or trust estate. The Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this Section.

#### Section B. Distributions of Amounts Included in a Founder's Estate

If any asset of this trust is includable in a deceased Founder's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes, the Trustee shall distribute an amount equal to the value of such asset to the living trust of the deceased Founder. Any amount so distributed shall be added to the property of the living trust and disposed of in accordance with its terms. However, if either Founder dies and a respective living trust is not in existence, the Trustee shall distribute the amount called for under this Section to the surviving Founder. If there is no surviving Founder, then the distribution shall be made to the Founders' descendants, per stirpes.

The value of any asset of our trust distributed under this Section shall be its value as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.

#### Section C. Administration of the Balance of the Trust Property

If one Founder survives the other, the balance of the trust property shall continue to be held by the Trustee and administered in accordance with the prior provisions of this trust agreement. Upon the death of the surviving Founder, or if neither Founder survives the other, the balance of the trust property not disposed of under the prior provisions of this trust agreement shall be administered as provided in the Articles that follow.

## Article VI

### Upon the Death of the Surviving Founder

#### Section A. Our Beneficiaries

All trust property not previously distributed under the terms of this trust shall be divided and distributed in accordance with the terms of this trust declaration and as follows:

<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Share</u>
CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS	1/5
CAROL ANN BRUNSTING	1/5
CARL HENRY BRUNSTING	1/5
AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART	1/5
ANITA KAY RILEY	1/5

#### Section B. Distribution to our Beneficiaries

1. (a) Distribution of the share of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

The trust share set aside for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

If CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, the trust share set aside for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living



descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

2. (a) Distribution of the share of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

The trust share set aside for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

If CAROL ANN BRUNSTING should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, the trust share set aside for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CAROL ANN BRUNSTING has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

3. (a) Distribution of the share of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

The trust share set aside for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

If CARL HENRY BRUNSTING should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of his trust share, the trust share set aside for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CARL HENRY BRUNSTING has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

4. (a) Distribution of the share of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

The trust share set aside for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, the trust share set aside for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

5. (a) Distribution of the share of ANITA KAY RILEY

The trust share set aside for ANITA KAY RILEY shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to ANITA KAY RILEY, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of ANITA KAY RILEY

If ANITA KAY RILEY should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, the trust share set aside for ANITA KAY RILEY shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if ANITA KAY RILEY has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

**Section C. Administration of the Share of a Descendant of a Deceased Beneficiary**

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions as to the disposition of a trust share upon the death of a beneficiary, each share set aside for a deceased beneficiary who has then living

descendants shall be held in trust if the descendant of the deceased beneficiary is under 21 years of age, or is disabled or incapacitated.

Our Trustee shall administer and distribute each such share according to the provisions of Article VII, Section D.

#### **Section D. Subsequent Children**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article wherein beneficiaries are named, if, subsequent to the creation of this trust declaration, we have additional children or legally adopt children who are under the age of 18, each such child shall be included among the beneficiaries named in this Article and an equal trust share shall be created for each such beneficiary.

Our Trustee shall administer and distribute each such share according to the provisions of Article VII, Section D.

#### **Section E. Guidelines for Discretionary Distributions**

Whenever we have given the Trustee any discretionary authority over the distribution of income or principal to any named beneficiary, the Trustee shall be liberal in exercising such discretion and shall give such beneficiary assistance for any opportunity or expense deemed by the Trustee to be in the best interest of such beneficiary. However, before making discretionary distributions, the Trustee shall take into consideration any additional sources of income and principal available to such beneficiary which exist outside of this agreement and are known to the Trustee, and the future probable needs of such beneficiary.

#### **Section F. Guidelines for All Distributions**

Whenever any provision of this Article authorizes or requires a distribution to any beneficiary, then the Trustee shall retain such distribution in trust at such beneficiary's written request. The Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary such amounts of income and principal as the beneficiary may at any time request in writing. No limitations shall be placed upon the beneficiary regarding withdrawals from his or her respective trust share. In addition, the Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may distribute to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary as much of the principal and income of the beneficiary's trust share as the Trustee deems advisable, in its sole and absolute discretion, for the health, education, maintenance and support of the beneficiary.

**Section G. Ultimate Distribution**

If at any time there is no person, corporation or other entity entitled to receive all or any part of the trust property of one of us, it shall be distributed as follows:

<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Share%</u>
CENTRAL COLLEGE OF IOWA Pella, Iowa	100%

If the CENTRAL COLLEGE OF IOWA, Pella, Iowa, is no longer in existence at the date of distribution, but has designated a successor, such successor shall receive such beneficiary's share. However, if no such successor has been designated, the share of such beneficiary shall pass one-half to those persons who would be the wife Founder's heirs as if she had died intestate owning such property and the balance shall pass to those persons who would be the husband Founder's heirs as if he had died intestate owning such property.

The distribution of trust property, for purposes of this Section, shall be determined by the laws of descent and distribution for intestate estates in the State of Texas as such laws are in effect at the time of any distribution under this Article.

**Section H. A Beneficiary's General Power to Appoint Trust Property**

If a beneficiary under this Article should die before the complete distribution of his or her trust, the trust shall terminate and all of the trust property shall be distributed to such persons, corporations or other entities, including the beneficiary's own estate, in the manner in which the beneficiary shall elect.

This general power of appointment is the sole and exclusive right of the beneficiary and must be exercised by the beneficiary by either (i) a last will and testament; (ii) a living trust agreement; or (iii) a written exercise of power of appointment, either of which specifically refers to this power of appointment.

To the extent this general power of appointment is not exercised, the Trustee shall distribute the remaining trust property to the then living descendants of the beneficiary, per stirpes.

If the beneficiary has no then living descendants, the Trustee shall distribute the remaining trust property to our then living descendants, per stirpes. If we have no then living descendants, the Trustee shall distribute the remaining trust property as provided in Section G of this Article.

## **Article VII**

### **Protection of Beneficial Interests**

#### **Section A. Protection of the Interests of Our Beneficiaries**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no beneficiary will have the power to anticipate, encumber or transfer any interest in the trust while such interests remain trust property, unless specifically authorized by the terms of this agreement. No part of the trust will be liable for or charged with any debts, contracts, liabilities or torts of a beneficiary or subject to seizure or other process by any creditor of a beneficiary.

#### **Section B. Unproductive or Underproductive Assets**

During the Founders' lives, each beneficiary will have the authority to issue a written directive to the Trustee to convert trust property which does not produce an income, or which is underproductive, into property which is income producing or which will provide a greater income to the trust. The Trustee shall convert the property immediately after receiving written direction to that effect.

The Trustee may convert the property by selling the unproductive or underproductive asset upon such terms and conditions as are prudent and reasonable under all circumstances which may then exist (including the acceptance of an income or interest bearing obligation as the whole or a part of the sales price), and investing the proceeds of the sale in income producing instruments or obligations.

#### **Section C. No Contest of This Trust**

The Founders vest in the Trustee the authority to construe this trust instrument and to resolve all matters pertaining to disputed issues or controverted claims. Founders do not want to burden this trust with the cost of a litigated proceeding to resolve questions of law or fact unless the proceeding is originated by the Trustee or with the Trustee's written permission.

Any person, agency or organization who shall originate (or who shall cause to be instituted) a judicial proceeding to construe or contest this trust instrument, or any will which requires distribution of property to this trust, or to resolve any claim or controversy in the nature of reimbursement, or seeking to impress a constructive or resulting trust, or alleging any other theory which, if assumed as true, would enlarge (or originate) a claimant's interest in this

trust or in the Founders' estates, without the Trustee's written permission, shall forfeit any amount to which that person, agency or organization is or may be entitled and the interest of any such litigant or contestant shall pass as if he or she or it had predeceased us, regardless of whether or not such contestant is a named beneficiary.

These directions shall apply even though the person, agency or organization shall be found by a court of law to have originated the judicial proceeding in good faith and with probable cause and even though the proceedings may seek nothing more than to construe the application of this no contest provision.

This requirement is to be limited, even to the exclusion thereof, in the event it operates to deny the benefits of the federal estate tax or federal gift tax marital deduction.

#### **Section D. Our Trustee's Authority to Keep Property in Trust**

If any trust property becomes distributable to a beneficiary when the beneficiary is under 21 years of age, or when the beneficiary is under any form of legal disability, as defined in Article X, the Trustee shall retain that beneficiary's share in a separate trust until he or she attains 21 years of age, or until his or her legal disability has ceased, to be administered and distributed as follows:

##### **1. Distributions of Trust Income and Principal**

The Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary as much of the net income and principal of the trust as the Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, deems necessary or advisable for the beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support.

In making any distributions of income and principal under this Section, the Trustee shall be mindful of, and take into consideration to the extent it deems necessary, any additional sources of income and principal available to the beneficiary which arise outside of this agreement.

Any net income not distributed to a beneficiary shall be accumulated and added to principal.

##### **2. Methods of Distribution**

Distributions to an incompetent or disabled beneficiary, or a minor beneficiary, may be made in any of the following ways as in the Trustee's opinion will be most beneficial to the interests of the beneficiary:

- (a) Directly to such beneficiary;
- (b) To his or her parent, guardian or legal representative;
- (c) To a custodian for said beneficiary under any Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and/or Gifts of Securities to Minors Act in the jurisdiction of residence of such beneficiary;
- (d) To any person with whom he or she is residing;
- (e) To some near relative or close friend; or
- (f) By the Trustee using such payment directly for the benefit of such beneficiary, including payments made to or for the benefit of any person or persons whom said beneficiary has a legal obligation to support;
- (g) To persons, corporations or other entities for the use and benefit of the beneficiary;
- (h) To an account in a commercial bank or savings institution in the name of the beneficiary, or in a form reserving the title, management and custody of the account to a suitable person, corporation or other entity for the use and benefit of the beneficiary; or
- (i) In any prudent form of annuity purchased for the use and benefit of the beneficiary.

The Trustee may instead, in the Trustee's sole discretion, hold such income or corpus for the account of such beneficiary as custodian. A receipt from a beneficiary or from his parent, guardian, legal representative, relative or close friend or other person described above shall be a sufficient discharge to the Trustee from any liability for making said payments.

The Trustee is likewise authorized to consult with and act upon the advice of the parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative of any beneficiary who is either an incompetent or a minor with respect to any and all matters which may arise under this trust and as it concerns the rights or interests of said beneficiary.

All statements, accounts, documents, releases, notices or other written instruments, including but not limited to, written instruments concerning the resignation or replacement of any Trustee or Trustees, required to be delivered to or executed by such beneficiary, may be delivered to or executed by the parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative of said incompetent or minor beneficiary, and when so delivered or executed shall be binding upon said incompetent or minor beneficiary, and shall be of the same force and effect as though delivered to or executed by a beneficiary acting under no legal disability.

### **3. Termination and Ultimate Distribution**

Our Trustee shall distribute the trust property to a beneficiary:

When he or she attains 21 years of age, or

When he or she ceases to be disabled.

### **4. A Beneficiary's General Power to Appoint Trust Property**

If a beneficiary under this Section should die before the complete distribution of his or her trust, the trust shall terminate and all of the trust property shall be distributed to such persons, corporations or other entities, including the beneficiary's own estate, in the manner in which the beneficiary shall elect.

This general power of appointment must be exercised by the beneficiary by either a last will and testament or a living trust agreement, either of which specifically refers to this power of appointment.

To the extent this general power of appointment is not exercised, the Trustee shall distribute the remaining trust property to the then living descendants of the beneficiary, per stirpes.

If the beneficiary has no then living descendants, the Trustee shall distribute the remaining trust property to our then living descendants, per stirpes. If we have no then living descendants, the Trustee shall distribute the remaining trust property as provided in Article VI, Section G of this agreement.



## **Article VIII**

### **The Trustee**

#### **Section A. Original Trustee**

Founders appoint ANITA KAY RILEY as the original Trustee of this trust.

#### **Section B. Successor Trustees**

If the original Trustee fails or ceases to serve by reason of death, disability, resignation or for any other reason, then the following individuals or entities will serve as Trustee in the following order:

First, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

Second, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

The original Trustee shall be replaced by the next named successor in the order listed above when he or she has resigned or is unable to continue to serve as Trustee due to death, disability or any other reason. Successor Trustees will have the authority vested in the original Trustee under this trust document.

A successor Trustee will not be obliged to examine the records, accounts and acts of the previous Trustee or Trustees, nor will a successor Trustee in any way or manner be responsible for any act or omission to act on the part of any previous Trustee.

#### **Section C. No Bond is Required of the Trustee**

No one serving as Trustee will be required to furnish a fiduciary bond as a prerequisite to service.

**Section D. Resignation or Removal of the Trustee**

Any Trustee may resign at any time and without cause, and the instructions in this trust will determine who the successor will be. All resignations must be in writing and delivered to the successor Trustee and all beneficiaries then eligible to receive mandatory or discretionary distributions of income from any trust created under this agreement.

A majority of all adult beneficiaries and the legal guardians of all minor or disabled beneficiaries who are then entitled to receive mandatory or discretionary distributions of income from the trust, or distributions of income from any separate trust created by this document, may remove any Trustee then serving, without cause, the notice of removal to be delivered in writing to the said Trustee.

In the event that no Trustee is remaining who has been designated in this trust, a majority of all adult income beneficiaries and the legal guardians of all minor or disabled beneficiaries of the trust shares created hereunder shall have the power to appoint any corporate or banking institution having trust powers as the successor Trustee. Such power shall be exercised in a written instrument in recordable form which identifies this power, identifies the successor Trustee, contains an acceptance of office by such successor Trustee and identifies the effective time and date of such succession.

If such beneficiaries fail to appoint a successor corporate or institutional Trustee, the selection of a successor to the Trustee will be made by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Section E. Affidavit of Authority to Act**

Any person or entity dealing with the trust may rely upon an affidavit of a Trustee or Trustees in substantially the following form:

On my oath, and under the penalties of perjury, I swear that I am the duly appointed and authorized Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST. I certify that the trust has not been revoked and remains in full force and effect, I have not been removed as Trustee and I have the authority to act for, and bind, the BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST in the transaction of the business for which this affidavit is given as affirmation of my authority.

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Signature Line

Sworn, subscribed and acknowledged before me, the undersigned authority, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public - State of Texas

## **Section F. Documentary Succession of the Trustee**

The successor to any Trustee may document succession with an affidavit setting forth that the preceding Trustee is unwilling to serve or has failed or ceased to serve due to death or disability and the successor has assumed the duties of the Trustee.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence of a successor's authority to serve and act as the Trustee of the trust.

## **Section G. The Trustee's Compensation**

Any person who serves as Trustee may elect to receive reasonable compensation to be measured by the time required in the administration of the trust and the responsibility assumed in the discharge of the duties of office.

A corporate or bank Trustee will be entitled to receive as its compensation such fees as are then prescribed by its published schedule of charges for trusts of a similar size and nature and additional compensation for extraordinary services performed by the corporate Trustee.

If an attorney, accountant or other professional shall be selected as Trustee, such professional shall be entitled to compensation for professional services rendered to a trust by himself or by a member of his firm in addition to compensation for services as Trustee.

A Trustee will be entitled to full reimbursement for expenses, costs or other obligations incurred as the result of service, including attorney's, accountant's and other professional fees.

## **Section H. Multiple Trustees**

In the event there are two or more Trustees serving the trust, the authority vested in such Trustees must be exercised by a majority of the Trustees. If only two Trustees are acting, the concurrence or joinder of both shall be required.

When more than two Trustees are acting, any dissenting or abstaining Trustee may be absolved from personal liability by registering a written dissent or abstention with the records of the trust; the dissenting Trustee shall thereafter act with the other Trustees in any manner necessary or appropriate to effectuate the decision of the majority.

### **Section I. Delegation of Authority**

Any Trustee may delegate to any other Trustee named in our trust the powers and authority vested in him or her by this declaration. A delegating Trustee may evidence such delegation in writing and may revoke it in writing at any time.

### **Section J. Successor Corporate Trustees**

Any successor corporate or bank Trustee must be a United States bank or trust company vested with trust powers pursuant to state or federal law, and must have a combined capital and surplus of 20 million dollars.

Any bank or trust company succeeding to the business of any corporate or bank Trustee serving by virtue of this declaration because of change of name, reorganization, merger or any other reason shall immediately succeed as Trustee of this trust, without the necessity of court intervention or any other action whatsoever.

### **Section K. Partial and Final Distributions**

The Trustee, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution, may prepare an accounting and may require, as a condition to payment, a written and acknowledged statement from each distributee that the accounting has been thoroughly examined and accepted as correct; a discharge of the Trustee; a release from any loss, liability, claim or question concerning the exercise of due care, skill and prudence of the Trustee in the management, investment, retention and distribution of property during the Trustee's term of service, except for any undisclosed error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith; and an indemnity of the Trustee, to include the payment of attorney's fees, from any asserted claim of any taxing agency, governmental authority or other claimant.

### **Section L. Court Supervision Not Required**

All trusts created under this agreement shall be administered free from the active supervision of any court.

Any proceedings to seek judicial instructions or a judicial determination shall be initiated by the Trustee in the appropriate state court having original jurisdiction of those matters relating to the construction and administration of trusts.

## **Article IX**

### **Our Trustee's Powers and Authority**

#### **Section A. Applicability of Texas Trust Code and Other Statutes**

The Trustee shall have the powers, duties, and liabilities set forth in this declaration and as more specifically stated in this Article, as well as such powers, duties and liabilities set forth in the Texas Trust Code, and all other applicable state and federal statutes, as now enacted and as hereafter amended, except to the extent the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this declaration, in which case the provisions of this declaration shall govern.

#### **Section B. Powers to Be Exercised in the Best Interests of the Beneficiaries**

The Trustee shall exercise the following administrative and investment powers without the order of any court, as the Trustee determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, the Trustee shall not exercise any power in a manner inconsistent with the beneficiaries' right to the beneficial enjoyment of the trust property in accordance with the general principles of the law of trusts.

The Trustee may perform every act reasonably necessary to administer each and every share or trust created under this agreement.

#### **Section C. General Investment and Management Powers**

The Trustee is authorized to invest in such investments as the Trustee deems proper and prudent, even if such investments fail to constitute properly diversified trust investments or for any other reason could be considered to be improper trust investments. The Trustee's investment authority is intended to be quite broad, and shall include, but is not limited to, all authority that follows, except as that authority has been limited by other provisions contained in this trust declaration.

In addition, the Trustee is granted the authority to exercise any managerial powers of an individual with respect to matters affecting a trust, it being our intention to grant broad

managerial discretion to the Trustee that is consistent with the management and administration of a trust, including the following managerial authorities, except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration.

### **Originally Contributed Properties**

The Trustee may continue to hold and maintain all assets originally contributed to any trust.

### **Additional Properties**

The Trustee is authorized to receive additional trust property, whether by gift, will, or otherwise, either from us, from either of us, or from any other person, corporation, or entity.

Upon receipt of any additional property, the Trustee shall administer and distribute the same as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may retain, without liability for depreciation or loss resulting from such retention, all property constituting the trust estate at the time of its creation or thereafter received from other sources.

The foregoing shall be acceptable even though such property may not be of the character prescribed by law for the investment of trust funds or may result in inadequate diversification of the trust property.

### **Securities Powers**

The Trustee may invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal, as it shall determine.

The Trustee is authorized to buy, sell, and trade in securities of any nature, including short sales on margin. The Trustee may maintain and operate margin accounts with brokers, and may pledge any securities held or purchased by other Trustees with such brokers as securities for loans and advances made to the Trustee.

The Trustee may retain, exercise, or sell rights of conversion or subscription with respect to any securities held as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may vote or refrain from voting at corporate meetings either in person or by proxy, whether general or limited, and with or without substitutions.

## **Investment of Cash Assets**

A corporate entity serving as Trustee may deposit trust funds with itself as either a permanent or temporary investment, and may place trust funds under its administration in common trust funds established and maintained by such corporate trustee or its affiliate. In determining where to invest cash resources, the Trustee may consider all factors, including facility of access and security of funds invested, as well as the stated rate of return.

## **Unproductive or Wasting Assets**

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, the Trustee may receive, acquire and maintain assets that may constitute unproductive, underproductive or wasting assets if the Trustee believes it is reasonable to do so. Upon the sale or disposition of any such asset, the Trustee need not make an allocation of any portion of the principal element of such sale proceeds to the income beneficiaries of the trust.

## **Mineral Properties**

The Trustee shall have the power to acquire, exchange, maintain or sell mineral interests, and to make oil, gas and mineral leases covering any lands or mineral interests forming a part of a trust estate, including leases for periods extending beyond the duration of the trust.

The Trustee may pool or unitize any or all of the lands, mineral leaseholds or mineral interests of a trust with others for the purpose of developing and producing oil, gas or other minerals, and may make leases or assignments containing the right to pool or unitize.

The Trustee may enter into contracts and agreements relating to the installation or operation of absorption, repressuring and other processing plants, may drill or contract for the drilling of wells for oil, gas or other minerals, may enter into, renew and extend operating agreements and exploration contracts, may engage in secondary and tertiary recovery operations, may make "bottom hole" or "dry hole" contributions, and may deal otherwise with respect to mineral properties as an individual owner might deal with his own properties.

The Trustee may enter into contracts, conveyances and other agreements or transfers deemed necessary or desirable to carry out these powers, including division orders, oil, gas or other hydrocarbon sales contracts, processing agreements, and other contracts relating to the processing, handling, treating, transporting and marketing of oil, gas or other mineral production.

Any lease or other agreement may have a duration that the Trustee deems reasonable, even though extending beyond the duration of any trust created in this agreement.

The Trustee may drill, test, explore, mine, develop, and otherwise exploit any and all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests, and may select, employ, utilize, or participate in any business form, including partnerships, joint ventures, co-owners' groups, syndicates, and corporations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, exploiting, developing, operating, or disposing of oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests.

The Trustee may employ the services of consultants or outside specialists in connection with the evaluation, management, acquisition, disposition, or development of any mineral interests, and may pay the cost of such services from the principal or income of the trust property.

The Trustee may use the general assets of the trusts created under this agreement for the purposes of acquiring, holding, managing, developing, pooling, unitizing, repressuring, or disposing of any mineral interests.

The term "mineral" shall mean minerals of whatever kind and wherever located, whether surface or subsurface deposits, including (without limitation) coal, lignite and other hydrocarbons, iron ore, and uranium.

#### **Power to Enter Into or Continue Business Activities**

The Trustee shall have the authority to enter into, engage in, expand, carry on, terminate and liquidate any and all business activities, whether in proprietary, general or limited partnership, joint venture or corporate form, with such persons and entities as the Trustee deems proper. This power pertains to business activities in progress at the date of our deaths, and to business opportunities arising thereafter. Business activities conducted by the Trustee should be related to the administration and investment of the trust estate, for it is not our intention to convert any trust into an entity that would be taxable as an association for federal tax purposes.

#### **Banking Authority**

The Trustee is authorized to establish and maintain bank accounts of all types in one or more banking institutions that the Trustee may choose.

#### **Corporate Activities**

The Trustee may form, reorganize or dissolve corporations, and may exercise all rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote for or against mergers, consolidations and liquidations, and to act with or without substitution. An individual serving as Trustee may elect himself as an officer or director of a corporation owned in part or in whole by a trust created by this declaration, and a corporate entity serving as Trustee may elect one of its



officers to such a position, and in each such instance the person so elected may be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered to such corporation in such capacity. The Trustee may retain, exercise or sell rights of conversion or subscription to any securities held as part of the trust property.

### **Agricultural Powers**

The Trustee may retain, sell, acquire, and continue any farm or ranching operation whether as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

The Trustee may engage in the production, harvesting, and marketing of both farm and ranch products either by operating directly or with management agencies, hired labor, tenants, or sharecroppers.

The Trustee may engage and participate in any government farm program, whether state or federally sponsored.

The Trustee may purchase or rent machinery, equipment, livestock, poultry, feed, and seed.

The Trustee may improve and repair all farm and ranch properties; construct buildings, fences, and drainage facilities; acquire, retain, improve, and dispose of wells, water rights, ditch rights, and priorities of any nature.

The Trustee may, in general, do all things customary or desirable to operate a farm or ranch operation for the benefit of the beneficiaries of the various trusts created under this agreement.

### **Real Estate**

The Trustee may purchase or sell real property, and may exchange, partition, subdivide, develop, manage, and improve real property. The Trustee may grant or acquire easements, may impose deed restrictions, may adjust boundaries, may raze existing improvements, and may dedicate land or rights in land for public use. The Trustee may construct, repair, alter, remodel, demolish or abandon improvements. The Trustee may take any other action reasonably necessary for the preservation of real estate and fixtures comprising a part of the trust property or the income therefrom.

### **Authority to Sell or Lease and Other Dispositive Powers**

The Trustee may sell, lease or grant options to lease trust property without the consent or ratification of any court, remainderman, or third party, including the authority to lease beyond the anticipated term of a trust, upon such terms and for such consideration as the

Trustee deems appropriate. The Trustee may make such contracts, deeds, leases, and other instruments it deems proper under the circumstances, and may deal with the trust property in all other ways in which a natural person could deal with his or her property.

### **Warranties and Covenants**

The Trustee may convey properties with such covenants and warranties of title (general or special) as the Trustee deems appropriate.

### **Trustee's Compensation**

The Trustee shall pay itself reasonable compensation for its services as fiduciary as provided in this agreement.

### **Employment and Delegation of Authority to Agents**

The Trustee may employ and compensate, and may discharge, such advisors and agents as the Trustee deems proper, and may delegate to an agent such authorities (including discretionary authorities) as the Trustee deems appropriate, by duly executed powers of attorney or otherwise.

### **Power to Release or Abandon Property or Rights, and to Pursue Claims**

The Trustee may release, compromise or abandon claims or rights to property for such consideration (including no consideration) as the Trustee determines to be appropriate when the Trustee determines it is prudent to do so. The Trustee is authorized to institute suit on behalf of and to defend suits brought against a trust estate, and to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

### **Nominal Title and Use of Nominees**

With or without disclosing fiduciary capacity, the Trustee may acquire title to property in the name of the Trustee or in the name of one or more nominees, and may allow its nominees to take possession of trust assets with or without direct custodial supervision by the Trustee.

### **Power to Lend Money and Guarantee Obligations**

The Trustee may lend money to any person, to any business entity, to an estate, or to any trust, if the Trustee deems the loan to be in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries,

provided that any such loan (except loans to beneficiaries) shall be adequately secured and shall bear a reasonable rate of interest.

The Trustee, in the Trustee's discretion, may endorse, guarantee, become the surety of or otherwise become obligated for or with respect to the debts or other obligations of any person or legal entity, whether with or without consideration, when the Trustee believes such actions advance the purposes of any trust created hereunder.

The Trustee may make loans from a beneficiary's trust share to or for the benefit of such a beneficiary on an unsecured basis, and for such rate of interest as the Trustee deems appropriate, when in the Trustee's judgment, such loan would be consistent with the purposes of such trust.

#### **Power to Borrow**

The Trustee may create indebtedness and raise money by any means, including margin trading in securities, when the Trustee believes such borrowing will be beneficial to the trust estate.

The Trustee is authorized to secure the payment of each such indebtedness, and all renewals, extensions and refinancing of same, by pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance covering and binding all or any part of the trust estate of a trust.

The Trustee may loan its own monies to a trust and may charge and recover the then usual and customary rate of interest thereon when, in the discretion of Trustee, it is prudent to do so.

#### **Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs**

The Trustee may in its sole discretion pay the funeral and burial expenses, expenses of the last illness, and valid claims and expenses of an income beneficiary of any trust created under this agreement.

Funeral and burial expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of memorials of all types and memorial services of such kind as the Trustee shall approve. Valid claims and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, all state and federal death taxes.

~~The payments shall be paid from the assets of the trust or trusts from which the beneficiary was receiving income.~~

### **Transactions Between the Trustee and Our Personal Representatives**

The Trustee is authorized to accept from our personal representatives, upon the termination or during the administration of our respective probate estates, if any, assets delivered by our personal representatives to the Trustee on the basis of the accounting submitted by the personal representatives, without requiring an audit or other independent accounting of the acts of our personal representatives, and the Trustee shall not have liability for the acts or omissions of our personal representatives. The foregoing shall not limit the right of the Trustee to request an accounting from our personal representatives and our personal representatives shall, upon request from the Trustee, furnish a complete accounting for their actions.

The Trustee shall have the power to purchase property from our estates at its fair market value, as determined by our personal representatives and by the Trustee, and to the extent required to permit such purchase of assets and to permit loans from the Trustee to our estate, we specifically waive application of the provisions of Section 352 of the Texas Probate Code and Sections 113.053 and 113.054 of the Texas Trust Code.

### **Commingling Trust Estates**

For the purpose of convenience with regard to the administration and investment of the trust property, the Trustee may hold the several trusts created under this agreement as a common fund.

The Trustee may make joint investments with respect to the funds comprising the trust property.

The Trustee may enter into any transaction authorized by this Article with fiduciaries of other trusts or estates in which any beneficiary hereunder has an interest, even though such fiduciaries are also Trustees under this agreement.

### **Addition of Accumulated Income to Principal**

The Trustee shall, on a convenient periodic basis, add the accumulated undistributed income of any trust which does not provide for mandatory income distributions to specified beneficiaries, and which does not require that any undistributed income be maintained separately for ultimate distribution to specified beneficiaries, to the principal of such trust.

### **Distributions Not Treated as Advancements**

No distributions to a beneficiary of any trust created hereunder shall be treated as an advancement against the beneficiary's share of such trust unless the distribution is specially

so treated on the Trustee's records at the time of the distribution or unless the Trustee gives notice of such fact to the beneficiary at the time of the distribution. If the Trustee has the discretion to make distributions from a trust to more than one beneficiary, the Trustee ordinarily should not treat distributions to any particular beneficiary as an advancement of that beneficiary's share of the trust unless an event has occurred causing the termination of such trust.

#### **Transactions in Which the Trustee Has A Direct or Indirect Interest**

We expressly waive prohibitions existing under the common law and the Texas Trust Code that might otherwise prohibit a person or entity who is serving as a Trustee from engaging in transactions with himself or itself personally, so long as the consideration exchanged in any such transaction is fair and reasonable to the trust created by this declaration. Specifically, we authorize the Trustee (a) to buy or sell trust property from or to an individual or entity serving as a Trustee, or from or to a relative, employee, business associate or affiliate of such individual serving as Trustee; (b) to sell or exchange and to transact other business activities involving properties of one trust with another trust under the control of the Trustee; and (c) to sell or purchase from a trust the stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of the Trustee or its affiliate.

Notwithstanding the general powers conferred upon the Trustee, or anything to the contrary contained in this agreement, no individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of discretion with respect to the distribution of trust income or principal to or for the benefit of such Trustee.

No individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of such discretionary power with respect to distributions to any person or persons such Trustee is legally obligated to support as to that support obligation.

#### **Section D. Apportionment of Receipts and Expenses Between Income and Principal**

The Trustee shall have the power, exercisable in such Trustee's reasonable and sole discretion, to determine what is principal or income of a trust or trust share. The Trustee shall pay from income or principal all of the reasonable expenses attributable to the administration of the respective trusts created in this agreement. The Trustee shall have the power to establish a reasonable reserve for depreciation or depletion and to fund the same by appropriate charges against income of the trust estate. For purposes of determining an appropriate reserve for depreciable or depletable assets, the Trustee may (but need not) adopt the depreciation or depletion allowance available for federal income tax purposes.

However, all increases in the value of any life insurance policies held by this trust prior to the death of the insured shall be principal and not income.

#### **Section E. Records, Books of Account and Reports**

The Trustee shall promptly set up and thereafter maintain, or cause to be set up and maintained, proper books of account which shall accurately reflect the true financial condition of the trust estate. Such books of account shall at all reasonable times be open for the inspection or audit of the beneficiaries, their parent or court appointed guardians, and the duly authorized agents, attorneys, representatives and auditors of each, at the expense of the beneficiary making such inspection or audit.

The Trustee shall make a written financial report, at least semi-annually, to each beneficiary to the trust who is or could be entitled to receive a present income distribution, unless such beneficiary, or such beneficiary's parent or legal guardian, has executed a written waiver of the right to receive such a report. The Trustee shall not be obligated to provide financial reports to a beneficiary who is less than eighteen years old if such reports are being provided to a parent of such beneficiary. Such reports shall be submitted to the parent or guardian of a minor beneficiary, or to the guardian or other legal representative of any incapacitated beneficiary.

The first financial report shall identify all property initially received by the Trustee. The first report and each subsequent report shall include a statement of all property on hand at the end of such accounting period, of all property that has come to the knowledge or possession of the Trustee that has not been previously listed as property of the trust, of all known liabilities, of all receipts and disbursements during such period (including a statement as to whether the receipt or disbursement is of income or principal), and of such other facts as the Trustee deems necessary to furnish in order to provide adequate information as to the condition of the trust estate.

Except as otherwise provided in this declaration, should any person interested in a trust estate request an accounting for the Trustee's actions that is more extensive or more frequent than the accounting normally to be rendered, the Trustee may require such person to pay the additional costs incurred in preparing the same before complying with such request.

#### **Section F. Trustee's Liability**

No person or entity serving as Trustee without compensation shall be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law or for ordinary negligence, but shall be liable for acts involving willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith.

Unless otherwise provided, no person or entity serving as Trustee who is receiving compensation for his or its services hereunder shall be liable for any loss which may occur as a result of any actions taken or not taken by the Trustee if such person or entity has exercised the reasonable care, skill and prudence generally exercised by a compensated fiduciary with respect to the administration, investment, and management of similar estates.

No person or entity serving as Trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions or defaults of any other person or entity serving as Trustee, agent or other person to whom duties may be properly delegated hereunder (except that each corporate trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions and defaults of its officers and regular employees) if such agent or other person was engaged with reasonable care.

Unless a Trustee shall expressly contract and bind himself or itself individually, no Trustee shall incur any personal liability to any person or legal entity dealing with the Trustee in the administration of a trust. The Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the properties of a trust for any liability or expense, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, incurred by the Trustee in the proper administration of a trust.

The Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by the Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, any of the authorities granted it under this trust declaration.

#### **Section G. Duty of Third Parties Dealing with Trustee**

No person dealing with the Trustee shall be responsible for the application of any assets delivered to the Trustee, and the receipt of the Trustee shall be a full discharge to the extent of the property delivered. No purchaser from or other person dealing with the Trustee, and no issuer or transfer agent of any securities to which any dealing with the Trustee shall relate, shall be under any duty to ascertain the power of the Trustee to purchase, sell, exchange, transfer, encumber or otherwise in any manner deal with any property held by the Trustee. No person dealing with the Trustee in good faith shall be under any duty to see that the terms of a trust are complied with or to inquire into the validity or propriety of any act of the Trustee.

#### **Section H. Division and Distribution of Trust Estate**

When the Trustee is required to divide or make distribution from a trust estate, in whole or in part, such division or distribution may be made by the Trustee in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind, and the Trustee may assign or apportion to the distributees undivided interests in any assets then constituting a part of such trust estate. The Trustee

may encumber property, may sell property, and may make non-pro-rata distributions when the Trustee believes it is practical or desirable and equitable to do so in order to effectuate a trust distribution regardless of the income tax basis of any asset.

If non-pro-rata distributions are to be made, the Trustee should attempt to allocate the tax basis of the assets distributed in an equitable manner among the beneficiaries of the trust, but the Trustee may at all times rely upon the written agreement of the trust beneficiaries as to the apportionment of assets. To the extent non-pro-rata distributions are made and the tax basis of the assets so distributed is not uniformly apportioned among beneficiaries, the Trustee may, but need not, make any equitable adjustments among such beneficiaries as a result of such nonuniformity in basis.

### **Section I. Life Insurance**

The Trustee shall have the powers with regard to life insurance as set forth in this Section, except as otherwise provided in this agreement.

The Trustee may purchase, accept, hold, and deal with as owner, policies of insurance on both Founders' individual or joint lives, the life of any trust beneficiary, or on the life of any person in whom any trust beneficiary has an insurable interest.

The Trustee shall have the power to execute or cancel any automatic premium loan agreement with respect to any policy, and shall have the power to elect or cancel any automatic premium loan provision in a life insurance policy.

The Trustee may borrow money with which to pay premiums due on any policy either from the company issuing the policy or from any other source and may assign any such policy as security for the loan.

The Trustee shall have the power to exercise any option contained in a policy with regard to any dividend or share of surplus apportioned to the policy, to reduce the amount of a policy or convert or exchange the policy, or to surrender a policy at any time for its cash value.

The Trustee may elect any paid-up insurance or any extended-term insurance nonforfeiture option contained in a policy.

The Trustee shall have the power to sell policies at their fair market value to the insured or to anyone having an insurable interest in the policies.



The Trustee shall have the right to exercise any other right, option, or benefit contained in a policy or permitted by the insurance company issuing that policy.

Upon termination of any trust created under this agreement, the Trustee shall have the power to transfer and assign the policies held by the trust as a distribution of trust property.

#### **Section J. Insured Trustee's Authority**

Any individual Trustee under this agreement, other than either Founder, is prohibited from exercising any power conferred on the owner of any policy which insures the life of such individual Trustee and which is held as part of the trust property.

If the Trustee holds any such policy or policies as a part of the trust property, the powers conferred on the owner of such a policy shall be exercised only by the other then acting Trustee or a substitute Trustee.

If the insured Trustee is the only then acting Trustee, then such powers shall be exercised by a substitute Trustee designated pursuant to the provisions of this agreement dealing with the trusteeship.

If any rule of law or court decision construes the ability of the insured Trustee to name a substitute Trustee as an incident of ownership, the substitution process shall be implemented by a majority of the then current mandatory and discretionary income beneficiaries, excluding the insured Trustee if the insured Trustee is a beneficiary.

#### **Section K. Estimated Income Tax Payment Allocation**

The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may elect or not elect to treat all or any portion of federal estimated taxes paid by any trust to be treated as a payment made by any one or more beneficiaries of such trust who are entitled to receive current distributions of income or principal from such trust. The election need not be made in a pro rata manner among all beneficiaries of the trust.

If there is an individual serving as a co-trustee who is a beneficiary of a trust created by this declaration, that individual may not take part in any decision to treat any trust estimated income tax payment as a payment by such individual.

In exercising or choosing not to exercise the discretion granted in this paragraph, the Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary or to any other persons directly or indirectly for any action or inaction so taken except for its willful fraud or gross negligence.

**Section L. Merger of Trusts**

If at any time the Trustee determines it would be in the best interest of the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any trust created by this declaration to transfer or merge all of the assets held in such trust with any other trust created either by trust instrument or by will for the benefit of the same beneficiary or beneficiaries and under substantially similar trusts, terms and conditions, the Trustee under this declaration, after giving not less than thirty days advance written notice to its beneficiaries, is authorized to transfer to or merge all of the assets held under the trust created by this declaration to such other substantially similar trust, and to terminate the trust created under this declaration regardless of whether the Trustee under this declaration also is acting as the trustee of such other trust.

The Trustee under this declaration shall not be subject to liability for delegation of its duties for any such transfer to a substantially similar trust having a different person or entity serving as trustee, and shall have no further liability with respect to trust assets properly delivered to the trustee of any such other substantially similar trust. Similarly, the Trustee of any trust created by this declaration is authorized to receive from the trustee of any other substantially similar trust the assets held under such other trust.

**Section M. Termination and Distribution of Small Trust**

If, in the discretionary judgment of the person(s) or entity serving as Trustee, any trust shall at any time be a size which, in the Trustee's sole judgment, shall make it inadvisable or unnecessary to continue such trust, then the Trustee may distribute the trust estate of such trust to its beneficiaries in proportion to their respective presumptive interests in such trust at the time of such termination.

**Section N. Elimination of Duty to Create Identical Trusts**

If the provisions of this trust direct the Trustee to hold any portion of its trust estate at its termination as the trust estate of a new trust for the benefit of any person or persons who already are beneficiaries of an existing identical trust, that portion of the terminating trust shall be added to the existing identical trust, and no new trust shall be created.

**Section O. Powers of Trustee Subsequent to an Event of Termination**

The Trustee shall have a reasonable period of time after the occurrence of an event of termination in which to wind up the administration of a trust and to make a distribution of

its assets. During this period of time the Trustee shall continue to have and shall exercise all powers granted herein to the Trustee or conferred upon the Trustee by law until all provisions of this declaration are fully executed.

#### **Section P. Requesting Financial Information of Trust Beneficiaries**

In exercising its discretion to make any discretionary distributions to the beneficiaries of any trust created hereunder, the Trustee is authorized to request any financial information, including prior federal income tax returns, from the respective beneficiaries that the Trustee deems necessary in order to exercise its discretion in accordance with the provisions for making such distributions under this declaration.

#### **Section Q. Qualification as a Qualified Subchapter S Trust**

If any stock of an S corporation becomes distributable to a trust created under this agreement, and such trust is not a qualified Subchapter S trust, the Trustee may implement any of the following alternatives with respect to the S corporation stock:

##### **1. A Sole Beneficiary**

Where the original trust is for a sole beneficiary, the Trustee may create for that beneficiary a separate trust that qualifies as a Subchapter S trust, and then distribute such stock to the newly created trust.

##### **2. Multiple Beneficiaries**

Where the original trust is for multiple beneficiaries, the Trustee may divide the trust into separate trusts for each of the beneficiaries. Each newly created trust shall hold that beneficiary's pro rata share of the S corporation stock, and shall qualify as a Subchapter S trust.

##### **3. Outright Distribution**

If circumstances prevent the Trustee from accomplishing the first two alternatives under this paragraph, the Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, distribute such stock to the beneficiaries as if the trust had terminated, while continuing to hold any other non-S corporation property in trust.

Each newly created S corporation trust shall have mandatory distributions of income and shall not provide for powers of appointment that can be exercised by the beneficiary during the beneficiary's lifetime. In all other respects, the newly created trusts shall be as consistent as possible with the original trusts and still qualify as Subchapter S trusts.

The Trustee may take any action necessary with regard to S corporations, including making any elections required to qualify stock as S corporation stock, and may sign all required tax returns and forms.

## Article X

### Definitions

For purposes of this trust declaration, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

1. Adopted and Afterborn Persons. Persons who are legally adopted while they are under 18 years of age shall be treated for all purposes under this agreement as though they were the naturally born children of their adopting parents.

A child in gestation who is later born alive shall be considered a child in being throughout the period of gestation.

2. Descendants. The term "descendants" means the lawful lineal blood descendants of the person or persons to whom reference is made. A descendant in gestation who is later born alive shall be considered a descendant in being throughout the period of gestation. An adopted person, and all persons who are the descendants by blood or by legal adoption while under the age of 18 years of such adopted person, shall be considered descendants of the adopting parents as well as the adopting parents' ancestors.

3. Education. As used in this trust, "education" shall include:

Any course of study or instruction at an accredited college or university granting undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Any course of study or instruction at any institution for specialized, vocational or professional training.

Any curriculum offered by any institution that is recognized for purposes of receiving financial assistance from any state or federal agency or program.

Any course of study or instruction which may be useful in preparing a beneficiary for any vocation consistent with the beneficiary's abilities and interests.

Distributions for education may include tuition, fees, books, supplies, living expenses, travel and spending money to the extent that they are reasonable.

4. Founders. The term "Founders" means the "grantors", "trustors", "settlers" or any other name given to the makers of this trust either by law or by popular usage.
5. Heirs at Law. Whenever a Trustee, or a legal advisor to the Trustee, is called upon to determine the heirs at law of the Founders, or any other person beneficially interested in this trust, the determination will be made to identify those individuals, other than creditors, who would receive the personal property of a decedent upon his or her death as determined in accordance with the laws of intestate succession of the State of Texas, United States of America, and further determined as if the Founders of this trust had predeceased the person or persons so named or described.
6. Incompetence or Disability. A Founder, Trustee or beneficiary will be considered "incompetent," "disabled" or "legally incapacitated" if he or she is incapacitated to an extent which makes it impossible or impractical for him or her to give prompt and intelligent consideration to their property or financial matters.

The Trustee may rely on a judicial declaration of incompetency by a court of competent jurisdiction, or the Trustee may rely upon the written opinion of two licensed physicians as to the disability of any Founder, Trustee or beneficiary and may utilize such written opinion as conclusive evidence of such incompetence or disability in any dealings with third parties.

In addition, if a guardian, conservator or other personal representative of a Founder, Trustee or beneficiary has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such Founder, Trustee or beneficiary will be considered incompetent or disabled.

7. Minor and Adult Beneficiary. The term "minor beneficiary" identifies a beneficiary who is less than 21 years of age. The term "adult beneficiary" identifies a beneficiary who is 21 years of age or older.
8. Per Stirpes Distributions. Whenever a distribution is to be made to a person's descendants, per stirpes, the distributable assets are to be divided into as many shares as there are then living children of such person and deceased children of such person who left then living descendants. Each then living child shall receive one share and the share of each deceased child shall be divided among such child's then living descendants in the same manner.
9. Personal Representative. For the purposes of this agreement, the term "personal representative" shall include an executor, administrator, guardian, custodian, conservator, Trustee or any other form of personal representative.

10. Power of Appointment or Qualified Beneficiary Designation. Whenever this trust declaration gives a trust beneficiary the power or authority to appoint a beneficiary of the trust, the designation must be in writing and be acknowledged in the form required of acknowledgements by Texas law or exercised by a will executed with the formalities required by law of the trust beneficiary's residence.

It must clearly evidence the interest of the trust beneficiary to exercise a power of appointment; and, the written beneficiary designation must have been delivered to the Trustee prior to the trust beneficiary's death or, if exercised by will, must subsequently be admitted to probate no matter the time interval.

The term of this trust may be extended if the qualified beneficiary designation requires that a beneficiary's interest remain in trust, or may be divided and be held as a separate trust which is governed by the terms of this trust declaration.

11. Relative or Relatives. Reference to a "relative" or "relatives" will identify any person or persons related to the Founders by blood or lawful adoption in any degree.
12. Trust. "Trust" means the irrevocable trust created by this trust declaration as well as any trusts created in it.
13. Trust Fund. The terms "trust fund", "trust property" or "trust assets" mean all property comprising: the initial contribution of corpus to the trust; all property paid or transferred to, or otherwise vested in, the Trustee as additions to the corpus of this trust; accumulated income, if any, whether or not added to the corpus of this trust; and, the investments and reinvestment of the trust property, including the increase and decrease in the values thereof as determined from time to time. The terms "corpus", "principal" and "assets" are used interchangeably.
14. Trustee. All references to "Trustee" shall refer to the original Trustee, if serving in such capacity, as well as the successor Trustees who are then serving in such capacity, under this trust declaration. For convenience, the term "Trustee", used in the singular, will mean and identify multiple Trustees serving and acting pursuant to the directions of this trust declaration. The term "corporate Trustee" will identify a banking or trust corporation with trust powers.

## Article XI

### Miscellaneous Matters

#### Section A. The Rule Against Perpetuities

In no event will the term of this trust continue for a term greater than 21 years after the death of the last survivor of the Founders and all relatives of the Founders living on the effective date of this trust declaration.

Any continuation of the trust by the qualified exercise of a power of appointment will be construed as the creation of a separate trust and an extension of the rule against perpetuities to the extent permitted by law. A court of competent jurisdiction is to liberally construe and apply this provision to validate an interest consistent with the Founders' intent and may reform or construe an interest according to the doctrine of cy pres.

#### Section B. Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of this trust will be the State of Texas. Any issue of law or fact pertaining to the creation, continuation, administration and termination of the trust, or any other matter incident to this trust, is to be determined with reference to the specific directions in the trust declaration and then under the laws of the State of Texas.

If an Article or Section of this trust declaration is in conflict with a prohibition of state law or federal law, the Article or Section, or the trust declaration as a whole, is to be construed in a manner which will cause it to be in compliance with state and federal law and in a manner which will result in the least amount of taxes and estate settlement costs.

#### Section C. Maintaining Property in Trust

If, on the termination of any separate trust created under this agreement, a final distribution is to be made to a beneficiary for whom the Trustee holds a trust created under this agreement, such distribution shall be added to such trust rather than being distributed.

The property that is added to the trust shall be treated for purposes of administration as though it had been an original part of the trust.



**Section D. Survival**

Except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration, for the purpose of vesting in the event two or more persons who have an interest in the trust die within a short time of one another, one must have survived the other for a period of at least 90 days as a condition to vesting.

**Section E. Changing the Trust Situs**

After the death or disability of one of us, the situs of this agreement may be changed by the unanimous consent of all of the beneficiaries then eligible to receive mandatory or discretionary distributions of net income under this agreement.

If such consent is obtained, the beneficiaries shall notify the Trustee in writing of such change of trust situs, and shall, if necessary, designate a successor corporate fiduciary in the new situs. This notice shall constitute removal of the current Trustee, if appropriate, and any successor corporate Trustee shall assume its duties as provided under this agreement.

A change in situs under this Section shall be final and binding, and shall not be subject to judicial review.

**Section F. Construction**

Unless the context requires otherwise, words denoting the singular may be construed as denoting the plural, and words of the plural may be construed as denoting the singular. Words of one gender may be construed as denoting another gender as is appropriate within such context.

**Section G. Headings of Articles, Sections and Paragraphs**

The headings of Articles, Sections and Paragraphs used within this agreement are included solely for the convenience and reference of the reader. They shall have no significance in the interpretation or construction of this agreement.

**Section H. Notices**

All notices required to be given in this agreement shall be made in writing by either:

Personally delivering notice to the party requiring it, and securing a written receipt, or

Mailing notice by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the party requiring notice.

The effective date of the notice shall be the date of the written receipt or the date of the return receipt, if received, or if not, the date it would have normally been received via certified mail, provided there is evidence of mailing.

**Section I. Delivery**

For purposes of this agreement "delivery" shall mean:

Personal delivery to any party, or

Delivery by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the party making delivery.

The effective date of delivery shall be the date of personal delivery or the date of the return receipt, if received, or if not, the date it would have normally been received via certified mail, provided there is evidence of mailing.

**Section J. Duplicate Originals**

This agreement may be executed in several counterparts; each counterpart shall be considered a duplicate original agreement.

**Section K. Severability**

If any provision of this agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this agreement. The remaining provisions shall be fully severable, and this agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid provision had never been included in this agreement.

**Section L. Gender, Plural Usage**

The use of personal pronouns, such as he, she or it are to be construed in context. The term "person" will include a non-person, such as a corporation, trust, partnership or other entity as is appropriate in context. The identification of person in the plural will include the singular and vice versa, as is appropriate in context.

### Section M. Generation Skipping Transfers

The Trustee, in the Trustee's sole discretion, may allocate or assist either Founders' personal representatives or trustees in the allocation of any remaining portion of either Founder's GST exemptions to any property as to which such Founder is the transferor, including any property transferred by such Founder during life as to which such Founder did not make an allocation prior to his or her death and/or among any generation skipping transfers (as defined in Section 2611 of the Internal Revenue Code) resulting under this trust declaration and/or that may later occur with respect to any trust established under this trust declaration, and the Trustee shall never be liable to any person by reason of such allocation, if it is made in good faith and without gross negligence. The Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, set apart, to constitute two separate trusts, any property which would otherwise have been allocated to any trust created hereunder and which would have had an inclusion ratio, as defined in Section 2642(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, of neither one hundred percent nor zero so that one such trust has an inclusion ratio of one hundred percent and the other such trust has an inclusion ratio of zero. If either Founder's personal representative or trustee and/or the Trustee exercises the special election provided by Section 2652(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as to any share of either Founder's property that is to be held in trust under this trust declaration, then the Trustee is authorized, in the Trustee's sole discretion, to set apart property constituting such share in a separate trust so that its inclusion ratio of such trust is zero.

We, ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, attest that we execute this irrevocable trust agreement and the terms thereof will bind us, our successors and assigns, our heirs and personal representatives, and any Trustee of this trust. We approve this irrevocable trust agreement in all particulars and request the Trustee to execute it. This instrument is to be effective upon the date recorded immediately below.

Dated: February 12, 1997

  
ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Founder

  
NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder

  
ANITA KAY RILEY, Trustee

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

On February 12, 1997, before me, a Notary Public of said State, personally appeared ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as Founders.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal.

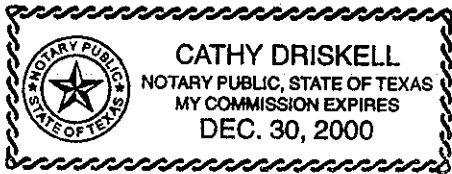
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Notary Public, State of Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF Harris

On February 12, 1997, before me, a Notary Public of said State, personally appeared ANITA KAY RILEY, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that (s)he executed the same as Trustee, or in the capacity indicated above, if any, on behalf of such Trustee.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal.

Cathy Driskell  
Notary Public, State of Texas



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Notary's Printed Name

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Schedule A**  
**Initial Contribution**

Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt of which is acknowledged

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Re: ELMER H. BRUNSTING  
NELVA E. BRUNSTING

Dear Clerk:

The following original instruments are being delivered to you pursuant to Texas Probate Code Section 75:

1. Original blue-backed Last Will of ELMER H. BRUNSTING signed January 12, 2005
2. Original blue-backed Last Will of NELVA E. BRUNSTING signed January 12, 2005

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$10.00 for the safe-keeping of both of these Wills.

Please place your file stamp on the copies of this letter. Return the file-stamped copies in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Summer Peoples, CP  
Certified Paralegal

/sp  
Enclosures

**LAST WILL  
OF  
NELVA E. BRUNSTING**

I, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, of Harris County, Texas, make this Will and revoke all of my prior wills and codicils.

**Article I**

**My Family**

I am married and my spouse's name is ELMER H. BRUNSTING.

All references to "my spouse" in my Will are to ELMER H. BRUNSTING.

The names and birth dates of my children are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS	March 12, 1953
CAROL ANN BRUNSTING	October 16, 1954
CARL HENRY BRUNSTING	July 31, 1957
AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART	October 7, 1961
ANITA KAY RILEY	August 7, 1963

All references to my children in my will are to these children, as well as any children subsequently born to me, or legally adopted by me.

**Article II**

**Testamentary Gifts**

I give, devise and bequeath all of my property and estate, real, personal or mixed, wherever situated, to my revocable living trust; the name of my revocable living trust is:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING,  
Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING  
FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as  
amended.

All of such property and estate shall be held, managed, and distributed as directed in such trust. The exact terms of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST will govern the administration of my estate and the distribution of income and principal during administration. It is my intent and purpose that the tax planning provisions of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST apply, and that my estate pass for the benefit of my family with the least possible amount of death taxes.

If my revocable living trust is not in effect at my death for any reason whatsoever, then all of my property shall be disposed of under the terms of my revocable living trust as if it were in full force and effect on the date of my death, and such terms are hereby incorporated herein for all purposes.

### Article III

#### Appointment of Personal Representative

I appoint ELMER H. BRUNSTING as my Personal Representative. In the event ELMER H. BRUNSTING fails or ceases to serve for any reason, I appoint the following individuals as my Personal Representative to serve in the following order:

First, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

Second, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

Third, CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

The term "Personal Representative" will mean and refer to the office of Independent Executor and Trustee collectively. Reference to Personal Representative in the singular will include the plural, the masculine will include the feminine, and the term is to be construed in context. A Personal Representative will not be required to furnish a fiduciary bond or other security. I direct that no action be required in the county or probate court in relation



to the settlement of my estate other than the probate and recording of my Will and the return of an inventory, appraisal and list of claims as required by law.

#### **Article IV**

##### **Payment of Debts, Taxes, Settlement Costs and Exercise of Elections**

The following directions concern the payment of debts, taxes, estate settlement costs, and the exercise of any election permitted by Texas law or by the Internal Revenue Code. The Personal Representative of my estate and the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST may act jointly and may treat the property of my estate subject to probate and the property of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST as one fund for the purpose of paying debts, taxes, estate settlement costs, and making of elections.

##### **Section A. Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs**

The Personal Representative will have the discretionary authority to pay from my estate subject to probate the costs reasonably and lawfully required to settle my estate.

##### **Section B. Special Bequests**

If property given as a special bequest or gift is subject to a mortgage or other security interest, the designated recipient of the property will take the asset subject to the obligation and the recipient's assumption of the indebtedness upon distribution of the asset to the recipient. The obligation to be assumed shall be the principal balance of the indebtedness on date of death, and the Personal Representative shall be entitled to reimbursement or offset for principal and interest payments paid by my estate to date of distribution.

##### **Section C. Estate, Generation Skipping, or Other Death Tax**

Unless otherwise provided in this will or by the terms of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, estate, inheritance, succession, or other similar tax shall be charged to and apportioned among those whose gifts or distributive share generate a death tax liability by reason of my death or by reason of a taxable termination or a taxable distribution under the generation skipping provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent I may lawfully provide, the Personal Representative may pay and deduct from a beneficiary's distributive share (whether the distribution is to be paid outright or is to be continued in trust) the increment in taxes payable by reason of a required distribution or termination of interest

(i.e., estate, gift, inheritance, or generation skipping taxes) to the extent that the total of such taxes payable by reason of a distribution or termination is greater than the tax which would have been imposed if the property or interest subject to the distribution or termination of interest has not been taken into account in determining the amount of such tax. To the extent a tax liability results from the distribution of property to a beneficiary other than under this will or under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, the Personal Representative will have the authority to reduce any distribution to the beneficiary from my estate by the amount of the tax liability apportioned to the beneficiary, or if the distribution is insufficient, the Personal Representative will have the authority to proceed against the beneficiary for his, her, or its share of the tax liability. In making an allocation, my Personal Representative may consider all property included in my gross estate for federal estate tax purposes, including all amounts paid or payable to another as the result of my death, including life insurance proceeds, proceeds from a qualified retirement plan or account, proceeds from a joint and survivorship account with a financial institution or brokerage company, proceeds from a buy-sell or redemption contract, and/or any other plan or policy which provides for a payment of death benefits. This provision further contemplates and includes any tax which results from the inclusion of a prior transfer in my federal gross estate even though possession of the property previously transferred is vested in someone other than my Personal Representative. This provision does not include a reduction in the unified credit by reason of taxable gifts made by me. If the Personal Representative determines that collection of an apportioned tax liability against another is not economically feasible or probable, the tax liability will be paid by my estate and will reduce the amount distributable to the residuary beneficiaries. The Personal Representative's judgment with regard to the feasibility of collection is to be conclusive.

#### **Section D. Election, Qualified Terminable Interest Property**

The Personal Representative may, without liability for doing so or the failure to do so, elect to treat all or a part of my estate which passes in trust for ELMER H. BRUNSTING under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, in which ELMER H. BRUNSTING has an income right for life, as Qualified Terminable Interest Property pursuant to the requirements of Section 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent that an election is made, and unless ELMER H. BRUNSTING shall issue a direction to the contrary, the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST will pay from the irrevocable share the entire increment in the taxes payable by reason of the death of ELMER H. BRUNSTING to the extent that the total of such taxes is greater than would have been imposed if the property treated as qualified terminable interest property has not been taken into account in determining such taxes. It is my intent and purpose to provide my Personal Representative with the greatest latitude in making this election so that the least amount of federal estate tax will be payable upon my death and upon the death of ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and this

provision is to be applied and construed to accomplish this objective. The Personal Representative is to make distributions of income and principal to the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST until my total estate subject to probate and administration is distributed to the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST.

#### **Section E. Special Election for Qualified Terminable Interest Property**

For the purpose of identifying the "transferor" in allocating a GST exemption, my estate may elect to treat all of the property which passes in trust to a surviving spouse for which a marital deduction is allowed, by reason of Section 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, as if the election to be treated as Qualified Terminable Interest Property had not been made. Reference to the "Special Election For Qualified Terminable Interest Property" will mean and identify the election provided by Section 2652(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. The term "GST Exemption" or "GST Exemption Amount" is the dollar amount of property which may pass as generation skipping transfers under Subtitle B, Chapter 13, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (entitled "Tax on Generation Skipping Transfers") which is exempt from the generation-skipping tax.

#### **Section F. Elective Deductions**

The Personal Representative will have the discretionary authority to claim any obligation, expense, cost or loss as a deduction against either estate tax or income tax, or to make any election provided by Texas law, the Internal Revenue Code, or other applicable law, and the Personal Representative's decision will be conclusive and binding upon all interested parties and shall be effective without obligation to make an equitable adjustment or apportionment between or among the beneficiaries of my estate or the estate of a deceased beneficiary.

### **Article V**

#### **Service of the Personal Representative**

A Personal Representative may exercise, without court supervision (or the least supervision permitted by law), all powers and authority given to executors and trustees by the laws of the State of Texas and by this will.

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**Section A. Possession, Assets, Records**

My Personal Representative will have the authority to take possession of the property of my estate and the right to obtain and possess as custodian any and all documents and records relating to the ownership of property.

**Section B. Retain Property in Form Received, Sale**

My Personal Representative will have authority to retain, without liability, any and all property in the form in which it is received by the Personal Representative without regard to its productivity or the proportion that any one asset or class of assets may bear to the whole. My Personal Representative will not have liability nor responsibility for loss of income from or depreciation in the value of property which was retained in the form which the Personal Representative received them. My Personal Representative will have the authority to acquire, hold, and sell undivided interests in property, both real and personal, including undivided interests in business or investment property.

**Section C. Investment Authority**

My Personal Representative will have discretionary investment authority, and will not be liable for loss of income or depreciation on the value of an investment if, at the time the investment was made and under the facts and circumstances then existing, the investment was reasonable.

**Section D. Power of Sale, Other Disposition**

My Personal Representative will have the authority at any time and from time to time to sell, exchange, lease and/or otherwise dispose of legal and equitable title to any property upon such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as my representative will consider reasonable. The execution of any document of conveyance, or lease by the Personal Representative will be sufficient to transfer complete title to the interest conveyed without the joinder, ratification, or consent of any person beneficially interested in the property, the estate, or trust. No purchaser, tenant, transferee or obligor will have any obligation whatsoever to see to the application of payments made to my Personal Representative. My Personal Representative will also have the authority to borrow or lend money, secured or unsecured, upon such terms and conditions and for such reasons as may be perceived as reasonable at the time the loan was made or obtained.

### **Section E. Partial, Final Distributions**

My Personal Representative, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution from the estate or a trust, will prepare an accounting and may require, as a condition to payment, a written and acknowledged statement from each distributee that the accounting has been thoroughly examined and accepted as correct; a discharge of the Personal Representative; a release from any loss, liability, claim or question concerning the exercise of due care, skill, and prudence of the Personal Representative in the management, investment, retention, and distribution of property during the representative's term of service, except for any undisclosed error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith; and an indemnity of the Personal Representative, to include the payment of attorneys' fees, from any asserted claim of any taxing agency, governmental authority, or other claimant. Any beneficiary having a question or potential claim may require an audit of the estate or trust as an expense of administration. Failure to require the audit prior to written acceptance of the Personal Representative's report, or the acceptance of payment, will operate as a final release and discharge of the Personal Representative except as to any error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith.

### **Section F. Partition, Undivided Interests**

My Personal Representative, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution from the estate or a trust, will have the authority (1) to partition any asset or class of assets and deliver divided and segregated interests to beneficiaries; (2) to sell any asset or class of assets (whether or not susceptible to partition in kind), and deliver to the beneficiaries a divided interest in the proceeds of sale and/or a divided or undivided interest in any note and security arrangement taken as part of the purchase price; and/or (3) to deliver undivided interests in an asset or class of assets of the beneficiaries subject to any indebtedness which may be secured by the property.

### **Section G. Accounting**

My Personal Representative will render at least annually a statement of account showing receipts, disbursements, and distributions of both principal and income during the period of accounting and a statement of the invested and uninvested principal and the undistributed income at the time of such statement.

### **Section H. Protection of Beneficiaries**

No beneficiary will have the power to anticipate, encumber or transfer any interest in my estate. No part of my estate or any trust will be liable for or charged with any debts,

contracts, liabilities or torts of a beneficiary or be subject to seizure or other process by any creditor of a beneficiary.

#### **Section I. Consultants, Professional Assistance**

My Personal Representative will have the authority to employ such consultants and professional help as needed to assist with the prudent administration of the estate and any trust. Any representative, other than a corporate fiduciary, may delegate, by an agency agreement or otherwise, to any state or national banking corporation with trust powers any one or more of the following administrative functions: custody and safekeeping of assets; record keeping and accounting, including accounting reports to beneficiaries; and/or investment authority. The expense of the agency, or other arrangement, will be paid as an expense of administration.

#### **Section J. Compensation**

Any person who serves as Personal Representative may elect to receive a reasonable compensation, reasonable compensation to be measured by the time required in the administration of the estate or a trust and the responsibility assumed in the discharge of the duties of office. The fee schedules of area trust departments prescribing fees for the same or similar services may be used to establish reasonable compensation. A corporate or banking trustee will be entitled to receive as its compensation such fees as are then prescribed by its published schedule of charges for estates or trusts of similar size and nature and additional compensation for extraordinary services performed by the corporate representative. My Personal Representative will be entitled to full reimbursement for expenses, costs, or other obligations incurred as the result of service, including attorney's, accountant's and other professional fees.

#### **Section K. Documenting Succession**

A person serving as Personal Representative may fail or cease to serve by reason of death, resignation or legal disability. Succession may be documented by an affidavit of fact prepared by the successor, filed of record in the probate or deed records of the county in which this will is admitted to probate. The public and all persons interested in or dealing with my Personal Representative may rely upon the evidence of succession provided by a certified copy of the recorded affidavit, and I bind my estate and those who are its beneficial owners to indemnify and hold harmless any person, firm, or agency from any loss sustained in relying upon the recorded affidavit.

## Article VI

### No-Contest Requirements

I vest in my Personal Representative the authority to construe this will and to resolve all matters pertaining to disputed issues or controverted claims. I do not want to burden my estate with the cost of a litigated proceeding to resolve questions of law or fact unless that proceeding is originated by my Personal Representative or with the Personal Representative's written permission. Any other person, agency or organization who originates (or who shall cause to be instituted) a judicial proceeding to construe or contest this will or to resolve any claim or controversy in the nature of reimbursement, constructive or resulting trust or other theory which, if assumed as true, would enlarge (or originate) the claimant's interest in my estate, will forfeit any amount to which that person, agency or organization is or may be entitled, and the interest of any such litigant or contestant will pass as if he or she or it had predeceased me.

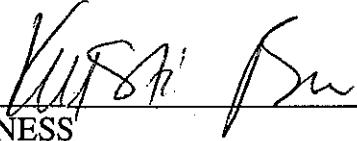
These directions will apply even though the person, agency or organization shall be found by a court of law to have originated the judicial proceeding in good faith and with probable cause, and even though the proceeding may seek nothing more than to construe the application of this no-contest provision. However, the no-contest provision is to be limited in application as to any claim filed by ELMER H. BRUNSTING, to the exclusion thereof if necessary, to the extent it may deny my estate the benefit of the federal estate tax marital deduction.

THIS WILL is signed by me in the presence of two (2) witnesses, and signed by the witnesses in my presence on January 12, 2005.

  
NELVA E. BRUNSTING


The foregoing Will was, on the day and year written above, published and declared by NELVA E. BRUNSTING in our presence to be her Will. We, in her presence and at her request, and in the presence of each other, have attested the same and have signed our names as attesting witnesses.

We declare that at the time of our attestation of this Will, NELVA E. BRUNSTING was, according to our best knowledge and belief, of sound mind and memory and under no undue duress or constraint.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS

**Krysti Brull**  
11511 Katy Freeway, Suite 520  
Houston, Texas 77079

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WITNESS

**April Driskell**  
11511 Katy Freeway, Suite 520  
Houston, Texas 77079

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**SELF-PROVING AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Kristi Brun and April Priskren, known to me to be the Testatrix and the witnesses, respectively, whose names are subscribed to the annexed or foregoing instrument in their respective capacities, and, all of said persons being by me duly sworn, the said NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Testatrix, declared to me and to the said witnesses in my presence that said instrument is her Last Will and Testament, and that she had willingly made and executed it as her free act and deed; and the said witnesses, each on his or her oath stated to me, in the presence and hearing of the said Testatrix that the said Testatrix had declared to them that the said instrument is her Last Will and Testament, and that she executed same as such and wanted each of them to sign it as a witness; and upon their oaths each witness stated further that they did sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the said Testatrix and at her request; that she was at that time eighteen years of age or over (or being under such age, was or had been lawfully married, or was then a member of the armed forces of the United States or of an auxiliary thereof or of the Maritime Service) and was of sound mind; and that each of said witnesses was then at least fourteen years of age.

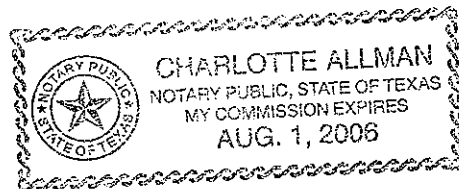
Nelva E. Brunsting  
NELVA E. BRUNSTING

Kristi Brun  
WITNESS

April Priskren  
WITNESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said NELVA E. BRUNSTING, the Testatrix, and by the said Kristi Brun and April Priskren, witnesses, on January 12, 2005.

Charlotte Allman  
Notary Public, State of Texas



**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

We, ANITA KAY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH BRUNSTING, Co-Trustees, hereby authorize the release of any and all documents and/or information requested by VACEK & FREED, PLLC regarding

NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING;

ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING; and/or  
THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST.

All requested documents and/or information can be released directly to VACEK & FREED, PLLC at the following address:

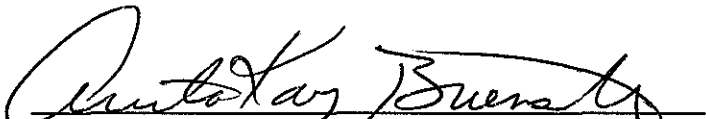
VACEK & FREED, PLLC  
11777 Katy Freeway, Suite 300 South  
Houston, Texas 77079


281-531-5800 or 800-229-3002  
281-531-5885 - FAX

A copy of this signed release is also hereby authorized as acceptable.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact us as soon as possible.

DATED: November 22, 2011

  
ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, Co-Trustee of the  
BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, dated  
October 10, 1996, as amended

  
AMY RUTH BRUNSTING, Co-Trustee of the  
BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, dated  
October 10, 1996, as amended

**STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD**

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES**  
**VITAL STATISTICS UNIT**

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES - VITAL STATISTICS

NOV 17 2011

STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NUMBER **142-11-142463**

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES - VITAL STATISTICS UNIT

1. LEGAL NAME OF DECEASED (include AKA's, if any) (First, Middle, Last) <b>NELVA E. BRUNSTING</b>			2. DATE OF DEATH - ACTUAL OR PRESUMED <b>11/11/2011</b>				
3. SEX <b>FEMALE</b>			4. DATE OF BIRTH <b>10/08/1926</b>		5. AGE - Last Birthday (Years) <b>85</b>		
6. BIRTHPLACE (City & State or Foreign Country) <b>SHELDON, IA</b>		7. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>481-30-4685</b>		8. MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
9. SURVIVING SPOUSE'S NAME (if wife, give name prior to first marriage)			10. RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS <b>13630 PINEROCK LANE</b>				
10a. CITY OR TOWN <b>HOUSTON</b>		10b. APT. NO.		10c. CITY OR TOWN			
10d. COUNTY <b>HARRIS</b>		10e. STATE <b>TEXAS</b>		10f. ZIP CODE <b>77079</b>			
10g. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		11. FATHER'S NAME <b>SYLVESTER RENSINK</b>					
12. MOTHER'S NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE <b>HARRIET KOOLBECK</b>				13. PLACE OF DEATH (CHECK ONLY ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> ER/Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> DOA <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent's Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
14. COUNTY OF DEATH <b>HARRIS</b>		15. CITY/TOWN, ZIP (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, GIVE PRECINCT NO) <b>HOUSTON, 77055</b>		18. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street address) <b>SELECT SPECIALTY HOSPITAL - HOUSTON WEST</b>			
17. INFORMANT'S NAME & RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <b>CAROL BRUNSTING - DAUGHTER</b>			18. MAILING ADDRESS OF INFORMANT (Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code) <b>5822 JASON ST., HOUSTON, TX 77074</b>				
19. METHOD OF DISPOSITION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burial <input type="checkbox"/> Entombment <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		20. SIGNATURE AND LICENSE NUMBER OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH <b>ARACELI J GALINDO, BY ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE 114721</b>		21. Section <b>214</b> Block Lot <b>54</b> Space <b>F</b>			
22. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, other place) <b>MEMORIAL OAKS CEMETERY</b>		23. LOCATION (City/Town, and State) <b>HOUSTON, TX</b>		25. COMPLETE ADDRESS OF FUNERAL FACILITY (Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code) <b>13001 KATY FREEWAY, HOUSTON, TX 77079</b>			
24. NAME OF FUNERAL FACILITY <b>MEMORIAL OAKS FUNERAL HOME</b>		26. CERTIFIER (Check only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certifying physician - To the best of my knowledge, death occurred due to the cause(s) and manner stated. <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Examiner/Justice of the Peace - On the basis of examination, and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner stated.					
27. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFIER <b>JERSON CADENAS - BY ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE</b>		28. DATE CERTIFIED (Mo/Day/Yr) <b>11/13/2011</b>		29. LICENSE NUMBER <b>N3531</b>			
31. PRINTED NAME, ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code) <b>JERSON CADENAS 4545 POST OAK PLACE #130, HOUSTON, TX 77027-3133</b>			32. TITLE OF CERTIFIER <b>MD</b>				
33. PART 1. ENTER THE CHAIN OF EVENTS - DISEASES, INJURIES, OR COMPLICATIONS - THAT DIRECTLY CAUSED THE DEATH. DO NOT ENTER TERMINAL EVENTS SUCH AS CARDIAC ARREST, RESPIRATORY ARREST, OR VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION WITHOUT SHOWING THE ETIOLOGY. DO NOT ABBREVIATE. ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE ON EACH.  IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death)  a. <b>RESPIRATORY FAILURE</b> Due to (or as a consequence of):  b. <b>METASTATIC BILIARY CANCER</b> Due to (or as a consequence of):  c. <b>SEVERE PROTEIN CALORIE MALNUTRITION</b> Due to (or as a consequence of):  d. <b>SEPTIC SHOCK</b>		34. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		35. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE THE CAUSE OF DEATH? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
		PART 2. ENTER OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH - BUT NOT RESULTING IN THE UNDERLYING CAUSE GIVEN IN PART 1. <b>ADULT FAILURE TO THRIVE</b>					
		36. MANNER OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Could not be determined		37. DID TOBACCO USE CONTRIBUTE TO DEATH? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Probably <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown		38. IF FEMALE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not pregnant within past year <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant at time of death <input type="checkbox"/> Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death <input type="checkbox"/> Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to one year before death <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown if pregnant within the past year	
		39. IF TRANSPORTATION INJURY, SPECIFY: <input type="checkbox"/> Driver/Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)					
40a. DATE OF INJURY (Mo/Day/Yr)		40b. TIME OF INJURY		40c. INJURY AT WORK? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
40d. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g. Decedent's home, construction site, restaurant, wooded area)		40e. LOCATION (Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code)					
40f. COUNTY OF INJURY							
41. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED							
42a. REGISTRAR FILE NO. <b>0217344</b>		42b. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>11/17/2011</b>		42c. REGISTRAR <b>REGISTRAR - CITY OF HOUSTON, ELECTRONICALLY FILED</b>			
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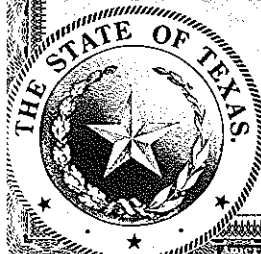
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GERALDINE R. HARRIS  
STATE REGISTRAR

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**Congratulations! The EIN has been successfully assigned.**

EIN Assigned: **45-6602570**

Legal Name: **NELVA E BRUNSTING SURVIVORS TR DTD  
4-1-09 AS EST UTD 10-10-96**

The confirmation letter will be mailed to the applicant. This letter will be the applicant's official IRS notice and will contain important information regarding the EIN. Allow up to 4 weeks for the letter to arrive by mail.

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Click "Continue" to get additional information about using the new EIN.

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**Summary of your information**

Please review the information you are about to submit. If any of the information below is incorrect, you will need to [start a new application](#).

Click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page to receive your EIN.

**Organization Type: Irrevocable Trust**

**Irrevocable Trust Information**

Legal name:	NELVA E BRUNSTING SURVIVORS TR DTD 4-1-09 AS EST UTD 10-10-96
County:	VICTORIA
State/Territory:	TX
Date Trust funded:	NOVEMBER 2011
Closing month of accounting year:	DECEMBER (The closing month of the accounting year is defaulted to December due to your organization type. To change your closing month of accounting year, complete <a href="#">Form 1128</a> .)

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**Addresses**

Mailing Address:	203 BLOOMINGDALE CIR VICTORIA TX 77904 UNITED STATES
Phone Number:	361-550-7132
TPD Name:	CANDACE L KUNZ-FREED & SUMMER PEOPLES
TPD Address:	11777 KATY FWY STE 300 HOUSTON TX 77079
TPD Phone Number:	281-531-5800

**Grantor**

Name:	NELVA E BRUNSTING
SSN/ITIN:	XXX-XX-4685

**Trustee**

Name:	AK BRUNSTING & AR BRUNSTING TTEE
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**Additional Irrevocable Trust Information**

Has employees who receive Forms W-2:	NO
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We strongly recommend you print this summary page for your records as this will be your only copy

of the application. You will not be able to return to this page after you click the "Submit" button.

Click "Submit" to send your request and receive your EIN.



Once you submit, please wait while your application is being processed. It can take up to two minutes for your application to be processed.



## EIN Assistant

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### Additional Information about your EIN

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#### When Can You Use Your EIN?

This EIN is your permanent number and can be used immediately for most of your business needs, including:

- Opening a bank account
- Applying for business licenses
- Filing a tax return by mail.

However, it will take up to two weeks before your EIN becomes part of the IRS's permanent records. You must wait until this occurs before you can:

- File an electronic return
- Make an electronic payment
- Pass an IRS Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) matching program.

#### Next Steps

You can download IRS forms, publications, and tax returns at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs>

#### Corrections?

If you need to make changes to your organization's information, you must do so in writing and mail the information to the address provided at <http://www.irs.gov/file/article/0,,id=111138,00.html>.

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Authorization to Obtain Tax Identification Number(s)

I understand that I am authorizing VACEK & FREED, PLLC, and any representative employed therewith, to apply for and receive an Employer Identification Number (EIN) on my behalf, individually and/or for any capacity in which I am then serving. I understand that VACEK & FREED, PLLC, or any representative employed therewith, may answer questions about completion of the EIN application, doing so on my behalf, individually and/or for any capacity in which I am then serving.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD:

*Amy Ruth Brunsting*  
Signature

Amy Ruth Brunsting  
Printed Name

*Anita Kay Brunsting*  
Signature

Anita Kay Brunsting  
Printed Name

VACEK & FREED, PLLC

By: Candace L. Kunz-Freed

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# General Durable Power of Attorney of NELVA E. BRUNSTING

THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS DOCUMENT ARE BROAD AND SWEEPING. THEY ARE EXPLAINED IN THE DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT, CHAPTER XII, TEXAS PROBATE CODE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE POWERS, OBTAIN COMPETENT LEGAL ADVICE. THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANYONE TO MAKE MEDICAL AND OTHER HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU. YOU MAY REVOKE THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IF YOU LATER WISH TO DO SO.

I, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, of Houston, Harris County, Texas, am creating a durable power of attorney under the laws of the State of Texas. 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 under any Medical Power of Attorney;

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.

This is a durable general power of attorney given in order to coordinate the management, protection and conservation of my property, with property previously transferred to my revocable living trust, especially in the event I am unable for any reason to manage, protect and conserve my own property or transfer such property to my revocable living trust, and to avoid a guardianship as to the management, protection and conservation of property. The authority and legal capacity of my Agent will be that of a personal representative, trustee and attorney-in-fact.

## Article One Appointment of Agent

### Section 1.01 Initial Agent

I appoint ANITA KAY BRUNSTING to serve as my Agent.

### Section 1.02 Successor Agent

If ANITA KAY BRUNSTING fails to serve, I appoint the following persons to serve as successor Agent, in the order named:

First, CAROL ANN BRUNSTING  
Second, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Agent fails to serve as my Agent, I appoint the next successor Agent named above to serve as my Agent.

My Agents, in the order listed above, are also my preference as guardian should a court appointed guardian of my person or estate be required.

**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 or her power to the successor Agent.

**Article Two  
Effectiveness of Appointment - Durability Provision**

**Section 2.01            Effectiveness**

The authority granted to my Agent under this power of attorney shall be effective immediately upon signing.

**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 Texas), or

Upon my divorce or the annulment of my marriage if I am married and my spouse is named herein as my Agent, or

Upon my revocation of this Power of Attorney.

**Article Three  
Powers Granted to My Agent**

I grant my Agent the powers set forth in the Durable Power of Attorney Act (Chapter XII of the Texas Probate Code, as amended) which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes, except to the extent that such Act conflicts with the powers set forth herein so that my Agent may act on my behalf. In addition, I further grant my Agent the authority to 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 3.18 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, and any institution in which a safe-deposit box is located shall be relieved of any liability to me, my heirs, or assigns as a result of my Agent's exercise of this power.

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, for the following express purposes, 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;

To reflect tax or other legal changes that affect trust administration; or

To 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.

State law, and title companies that issue owners' and mortgagees' policies of title insurance, may impose a limitation upon the authority of an Agent to convey title to real estate without the actual joinder of the person represented. Any such impediment will serve to frustrate the very purpose for which this power of attorney is given. Therefore, I give to my Agent the unlimited authority to transfer, assign, convey and deliver legal and equitable title to any real estate, or interest in real estate which I may own to my Living Trust.

This authority will include any property in which I may have a homestead interest. I waive any requirements which may be imposed by law or by a title agency that I personally join in the conveyance. To protect the title agency and any other person, agency or entity who may rely upon the authority vested in this document, I bind myself, my estate, my successors and assigns and my Agent to indemnify and hold harmless any person, agency, or entity from any claim or loss, whatsoever in relying upon the authority provided by this document and the authority of my Agent.

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 possessions 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;

Invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal;

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 (including, but not limited to, any motor vehicle, trailer, water craft, or any similar 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 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 3.11 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 3.12 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 Income (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 (SSI), Medicaid and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI).

My Agent may:

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, my wife's, 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.

File applications for certification of eligibility, or renewals of such certification, any necessary forms or submissions of any nature, and to execute vouchers on my behalf for any and all allowances, compensation, and reimbursements properly payable to me by the Government of the United States, or any agency or department thereof, including, but not restricted to, medical, dental, hospital, or other health care claims or other payments under Veteran's Administration, Medicare, Medicaid, or any other social security programs. Further, such powers shall include, but not be limited to, the powers set forth in Section 501 of the Texas Probate Code, which are incorporated herein for all purposes.

Take any action necessary in order to seek qualification on my behalf for any and all government benefits that I may be entitled to, including, but not limited to, Social Security Disability, Medicaid, and Medicare. This power includes any acts necessary to achieve eligibility for these programs including gifting of my assets to the agent themselves or other persons and selling or swapping any of my property or exchanging any property for assets that would be exempt under the rules of these

programs. Any authority granted to my attorneys herein shall be limited so as to prevent this general power of attorney from causing my attorneys to be taxed on my income or from causing my assets to be subject to a general power of appointment by my attorneys, as that term is defined in Section 2041 of the Internal Revenue Code (or any successor provision).

Power to arrange for my maintenance and support and to incur expenses in my name therefore and to pay from my funds or from funds in my name expenses in connection with my maintenance and support, including, without limitation, my living expenses and all other expenses for my reasonable comfort, maintenance and support, and further including medical or surgical services, nursing services or hospital room or services for me or for my benefit, or any other thing or service incidental thereto deemed by my agent to be necessary or appropriate.

### **Section 3.13 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. 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 3.14 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.

### **Section 3.15 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 3.16 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 3.17 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 3.18 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 remaining income and principal must be paid on my death to my personal representative under the agreement. 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.

Further, I hereby vest in my Agent all of the power and authority given to trustees by the trust laws of the State of Texas upon establishing such revocable trust. If my Agent determines that it is in my best interest under the facts and circumstances then existing, I authorize my Agent to take possession of any and all of my property and estate, as Trustee, and to hold, conserve and administer such property for me and my general welfare. My Agent will be responsible only for the property of my estate over which the Agent shall assert direct control, and will not have liability for the loss of income from, or the depreciation of the value of, assets which the Agent does not possess or which are retained in the form my Agent received them.

My Agent is authorized, upon my death, to make, direct payment for any expense related to my hospitalization, illness, treatment and care prior to my death, and any expenses related to my death and the settlement of my estate. The trust created by this document will continue for a reasonable period of time in which to conclude any administration, pay expenses of termination (including the discretionary payment of expenses and estate settlement costs) and to make distributions of the trust property to my Living Trust.

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

If the trustee is not an individual, it must be a bank or trust company authorized to do trust business in the state in which I or my Agent reside now or in the future.

### **Section 3.19 Power to Revoke Trusts**

I grant my Agent full power and authority to revoke any and all revocable trust agreements of which I am a founder, settlor, grantor, trustmaker and/or contributor. Immediately after the revocation of the aforesaid revocable trust agreement, or as soon as is practicable after such revocation, my Agent shall convey the said trust assets to the beneficiaries named therein, if in the judgment of my Agent it is advisable to do so.

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 to Renounce or Resign from Fiduciary Positions**

My Agent may resign or renounce for me any fiduciary position I hold now or in the future including personal representative, trustee, guardian, attorney-in-fact, and officer or director of a corporation and any governmental or political office or position. In so doing, my Agent may file an accounting with the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction or settle on the basis of a receipt, release or other appropriate method.

### **Section 3.22 Power to Disclaim or Release Property Interests**

My Agent may renounce and disclaim any property or property interest or power to which I may become entitled by gift, testate or intestate succession. My Agent may release or abandon any property interest or power that I may own or hold now or in the future, including any interest in, or right over, a trust, including the right to alter, amend, revoke or terminate the trust. My Agent may claim an elective share in any estate or under any will. But my Agent may not make any disclaimer that is expressly prohibited by the law or other provisions of this power of attorney.

### **Section 3.23 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 3.24 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.

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;

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

Settle with the Internal Revenue Service, its agents and representatives, any questions concerning my liability for and the collection, refund or payment of said taxes, and to possess all of the authorities and all of the powers set forth in Form 2848 of the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, as amended or revised hereafter, including the power to receive refund checks due to me, from the date of this instrument until this instrument is revoked.

### **Section 3.25 Power to Deal with My Spouse**

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 3.26 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 3.18 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 wife, my descendants and beneficiaries, including contingent beneficiaries, named in my Will or my revocable living trust.

As mentioned in Section 3.12, my Agent may gift or otherwise spend down my estate for Medicaid eligibility and planning.

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 in Excess of the Annual Federal Gift Tax Exclusion**

Only a Special Agent appointed under the provisions of Section 7.03 may make gifts in excess of the annual federal gift tax exclusion to my beneficiaries.

If my Agent determines that gifts in amounts in excess of the annual federal gift tax exclusion are in my best interest and the best interests of my beneficiaries, my Agent, by unanimous vote if more than one Agent is serving, shall appoint a Special Agent unrelated by blood or marriage to any Agent to review the facts and circumstances and to decide whether such gifts should be made. I recommend, but do not require, that my Agent select an independent certified public accountant, attorney-at-law, or corporate fiduciary to serve as the Special Agent under such circumstances.

Neither my Agent, nor the Special Agent appointed by my Agent, shall be liable to any beneficiary for exercising or failing to exercise its discretion to make gifts.

**(d) 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.

**(e) 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.

**(f) Gift Splitting Authorized**

My Agent is authorized to consent to the splitting of gifts under Section 2513 of the Internal Revenue Code or under similar provisions of any state or local gift tax laws.

**(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.

**Article Four  
Care and Control of Principal**

~~My Agent may, in my Agent's sole and absolute discretion, exercise the following powers with respect to the control and management of my person.~~

**Section 4.01 Power to Provide for My Support**

My Agent may do anything reasonably necessary to maintain my customary standard of living, including:

Maintain my residence by paying all operating costs, including, but not limited to, interest on mortgages or deeds of trust, amortization payments, repairs and taxes, or by purchasing, leasing or making other arrangement for a different residence;

Provide normal domestic help;

Provide clothing, transportation, medicine, food and incidentals; and

Make all necessary arrangements, contractual or otherwise, for my care at any hospital, hospice, nursing home, convalescent home or similar establishment, or in my own residence should I desire it, and assure that all of my essential needs are met wherever I may be.

**Section 4.02 Power to Provide for Support of Dependents**

My Agent may make payments as my Agent deems necessary for the health, education, maintenance or support of my wife and those my Agent determines to be dependent on me for support.

**Section 4.03 Power to Protect or Dispose of Property**

If my Agent determines that I will never be able to return to my residence from a hospital, hospice, nursing home, convalescent home or similar facility, my Agent may dispose of my residence. In so doing, my Agent may sell, lease, sublease or assign my interest on terms and conditions that my Agent considers appropriate.

My Agent may store and safeguard any items of tangible personal property remaining in my residence and pay all storage costs. Alternatively, my Agent may sell any items that my Agent believes I will never need again on terms and conditions that my Agent considers appropriate.

As an alternative to storing my tangible personal property, my Agent may transfer custody and possession, but not title, of any property item to the person named in my Will or my revocable living trust as the person entitled to receive that property item on my death.

**Section 4.04 Power to Provide for My Recreation and Travel**

My Agent may, at my expense, allow me to engage in recreational and sports activities as my health permits, including travel.

**Section 4.05 Power to Provide for Religious and Spiritual Needs**

My Agent may provide for my religious and spiritual needs, including involvement of religious clergy and spiritual leaders in my care and my membership in religious and spiritual organizations consistent with my religious beliefs. My Agent may purchase religious books, tapes and other materials for my use and benefit.

**Section 4.06 Power to Provide for Companionship**

My Agent may arrange any form of companionship for me necessary to meet my needs if I am unable to arrange for such companionship myself.

**Section 4.07 Power to Make Advance Funeral Arrangements**

My Agent may make advance arrangements for my funeral and burial, including a burial plot, marker and any other related arrangements that my Agent considers appropriate.

**Article Five  
Incidental Powers**

My Agent may perform those acts and execute and deliver those legal documents necessary or appropriate to the exercise of the powers set forth in this power of attorney, including, but not limited, to the following incidental powers.

**Section 5.01 Power to Commence Court Proceedings**

My Agent may commence any court proceedings necessary to protect my legal rights and interests under this power of attorney including, but not limited to:

Actions for declaratory judgments from any court of competent jurisdiction interpreting the validity of this power of attorney and any of the acts sanctioned by this power of attorney; provided, however, that my Agent need not seek a declaratory judgment to perform any act sanctioned by this power of attorney;

Actions for mandatory injunctions requiring any person or entity to comply with my Agent's directions as authorized by this power of attorney; and

Actions for actual and punitive damages and the recoverable costs and expenses of such litigation against any person or entity who negligently or willfully fails or refuses to follow my Agent's directions as authorized by this power of attorney.

**Section 5.02 Power to Employ and Discharge Personnel**

My Agent may employ and remove investment advisors, accountants, auditors, depositories, custodians, brokers, consultants, attorneys, expert advisors, agents and employees to advise or assist my Agent as my Agent considers appropriate.

### **Section 5.03 Power to Sign Documents**

My Agent may sign, execute, endorse, seal, acknowledge, deliver and file or record all appropriate legal documents necessary to exercise the powers granted under this power of attorney.

### **Section 5.04 Power to Submit Costs for Payment**

If my Agent incurs costs in performing any powers granted under this power of attorney, or in enforcing compliance with the powers given to my Agent under this power of attorney, my Agent may submit those costs to any person who has the authority to pay those costs such as the trustee of my revocable living trust or to my guardian or conservator. My trustee, conservator or guardian shall promptly pay those costs.

### **Section 5.05 Power Regarding My Mail**

My Agent may open, read, respond to and redirect my mail. My Agent may represent me before the U.S. Postal Service and all other mail or package carriers in any matter relating to mail or delivery services including the receipt of certified mail.

### **Section 5.06 Power Regarding Memberships**

My Agent may establish, cancel, continue or initiate my membership in organizations and associations of all kinds.

### **Section 5.07 Power Regarding Custody of Documents**

My Agent may take, give or deny custody of my important documents, including my Will and any codicils, trust agreements, deeds, leases, life insurance policies, contracts or securities. My Agent may disclose or not disclose the whereabouts or contents of those documents as my Agent believes appropriate.

### **Section 5.08 Power to Care for My Pets**

My Agent may provide for the housing, support, and maintenance of my pet animals. My Agent may contract for and pay the expenses of their proper veterinary care and treatment. But if my Agent decides that the care and maintenance of my pet animals is unreasonably expensive or burdensome, my Agent may give the pet animals to persons willing to care for and maintain them.

## **Article Six 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 6.01 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 6.02 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, or by a Special Agent appointed under the provisions of Section 7.03 of this power of attorney.

### **Section 6.03 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 6.04 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 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 Guardian of my Person and my Estate**

If at any time proceedings are initiated for the appointment of Guardian of my person and 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.

If any person I have nominated is appointed Guardian of my person and my estate, I request that the court grant to such Guardian of my person and my estate all or as many of the independent powers listed below as the court shall find appropriate.

The power to contract for the estate, to carry out existing contracts, and so bind my estate.

The power to operate, at the risk of loss to the estate, any business, farm, or enterprise of the estate.

The power to grant and take options.

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

The power to create by grant or otherwise easements and servitudes on any property of the estate.

The power to borrow money on the estate's behalf and give security for the loan.

The power to purchase real or personal property on the estate's behalf.

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

The power to lease the estate's property 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 the estate's money on adequate security.

The power to exchange property of the estate.

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

The power to commence and maintain an action for partition on behalf of the estate.

The power to exercise stock rights and stock options on behalf of the estate.

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 estate.

The power to employ attorneys, accountants, investment counsel, agents, depositories and employees and to pay the expense from the estate's assets.

### **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 and Compensation**

My Agent may pay himself or herself, from my assets, fair and reasonable compensation authorized by law for services performed under this power of attorney and, in addition, my Agent may reimburse himself or herself for all reasonable expenses incurred for carrying out any provision of this power of attorney. "Fair and reasonable" compensation shall be equivalent to such compensation charged by banks or trust companies which provide similar services and are located in the county in which I reside.

**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            Ratification and Indemnity**

I agree that any third party who receives a copy of this document may act under it. I agree to indemnify the third party for any claims that arise against the third party because of reliance on this power of attorney. Further, I ratify and confirm all that my Agent will do or cause to be done by reason of the authority vested by this power of attorney and by law. No person, firm, agency or entity will be obligated to see to the application of any payment delivered to my Agent for or on my behalf.

**Section 7.09            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 7.10            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 7.11            Signature of Agent**

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

NELVA E. BRUNSTING by [enter Agent's name], her Agent.

**Section 7.12            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 Texas, including, but not limited to, the

powers set forth in Article XII ("Durable Power of Attorney Act") of the Texas Probate Code, as amended. 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 7.13 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 7.14 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.

Any person, entity or institution dealing with my Agent will be entitled to rely upon my Agent's sworn statement that this general power of attorney has not been revoked and that Agent is authorized and empowered to serve. I indemnify and hold harmless any person, firm, institution or agency from any loss or claim whatsoever when reliant upon such statement, and to this end, I bind myself, my estate, my heirs, successors and assigns. I vest in my Agent the authority to record this power of attorney at any reasonable time, and to the extent I may lawfully provide, my Agent may do so at any time before the Agent is to act with respect to any third party who may be asked to rely upon this document.

I grant my Agent full power and authority to indemnify and hold harmless any third party who accepts and acts under this Durable General Power of Attorney. No person who acts in reliance on the representations of my Agent or the authority granted under this Durable General Power of Attorney shall incur any liability to me, my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns as a result of permitting my Agent to exercise any power granted under this Durable General Power of Attorney.

### **Section 7.15 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 7.16      Governing Law**

This power of attorney's validity and interpretation will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. 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 7.17      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.

Dated: August 25, 2010

Nelva E. Brunsting  
NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Principal

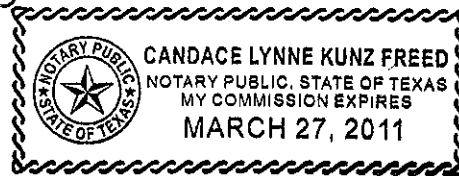
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR PRINCIPAL**

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared NELVA E. BRUNSTING, as Principal, known to me (or proved to me through satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and official seal this day, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Candace Lynne Kunz Freed  
Notary Public, State of Texas



THE ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OR AGENT, BY ACCEPTING OR ACTING UNDER THE APPOINTMENT, ASSUMES THE FIDUCIARY AND OTHER LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN AGENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING APPROPRIATE RECORDS OF EACH TRANSACTION, INCLUDING AN ACCOUNTING OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. AS A FIDUCIARY, AN ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OR AGENT IS HELD TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF GOOD FAITH, FAIR DEALING, AND LOYALTY WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE STANDARDS MAY SUBJECT AN ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OR AGENT TO LEGAL ACTION. DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE OF MISCONDUCT, AN ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OR AGENT MAY BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES OR MAY BE CHARGED WITH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

DUTY TO INFORM AND ACCOUNT  
Texas Probate Code Section 489B

The attorney-in-fact or agent is a fiduciary and has a duty to inform and to account for actions taken pursuant to the power of attorney.

The attorney-in-fact or agent shall timely inform the principal of all actions taken pursuant to the power of attorney. Failure of the attorney-in-fact or agent to inform timely, as to third parties, shall not invalidate any action of the attorney-in-fact or agent.

The attorney-in-fact or agent shall maintain records of each action taken or decision made by the attorney-in-fact or agent.

The principal may demand an accounting by the attorney-in-fact or agent. Unless otherwise directed by the principal, the accounting shall include:

1. the property belonging to the principal that has come to the attorney-in-fact's or agent's knowledge or into the attorney-in-fact's or agent's possession;
2. all actions taken or decisions made by the attorney-in-fact or agent;
3. a complete account of receipts, disbursements, and other actions of the attorney-in-fact or agent, including their source and nature, with receipts of principal and income shown separately;
4. a listing of all property over which the attorney-in-fact or agent has exercised control, with an adequate description of each asset and its current value if known to the attorney-in-fact or agent;
5. the cash balance on hand and the name and location of the depository where the balance is kept;
6. all known liabilities; and,
7. such other information and facts known to the attorney-in-fact or agent as may be necessary to a full and definite understanding of the exact condition of the property belonging to the principal.

Unless directed otherwise by the principal, the attorney-in-fact or agent shall also provide to the principal all documentation regarding the principal's property.

The attorney-in-fact or agent shall maintain all records until delivered to the principal, released by the principal, or discharged by a court.

If the attorney-in-fact or agent fails or refuses to inform the principal, provide documentation, or deliver the accounting within 60 days (or such longer or shorter time that the principal demands or a court may order), the principal may file suite to compel the attorney-in-fact or agent to deliver the accounting, to deliver the assets, or to terminate the power of attorney.

This section shall not limit the right of the principal to terminate the power of attorney or make additional requirements of, or to give additional instructions to the attorney-in-fact or agent.

Wherever in this chapter a principal is given an authority to act, that shall include not only the principal but also any person designated by the principal, a guardian of the estate of the principal, or other personal representative of the principal.

The rights set out in this section and chapter are cumulative of any other rights or remedies the principal may have at common law or other applicable statutes and not in derogation of those rights.

FINAL		NELVA BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST (ST) ASSET LIST		3/30/12
OWNER on 11/11/2011	ASSET CATEGORY			11/11/11 VALUES unless indicated otherwise
	<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>			
ST (Survivor's Trust)	HS-Lt 31 Blk 4 Wilchester West Sec 1, 13630 Pinerock Ln., Houston, Harris County, Texas (Value at right is what it went on the market for) Appraised value was \$410,000.00; actual sale price is fair market value; (Value net after sale: \$433,129.32)	✓	\$	469,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$	469,000.00
	<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>			
ST	Edward Jones Acct #653-13555-1-6		\$	1.05
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$	1.05
	<b>DRIP ACCOUNTS</b>			
ST	Chevron Acct #124921356678 36.8438 Shares @\$107.0650/share value on date of death (basis)	✓	\$	3,944.68
LT (ST)	Deere & Co. Acct#806578316055 (Value at right reflects value on W's date of death) Basis: \$75.35/share with 9.7125 shares owned as of 8/1/2011 Reinvested shares	✓	\$	731.84
ST	ExxonMobil Acct #C0009467777; Shares 671.987460 @\$79.79/share on date of death and new basis)	✓	\$	53,617.88
ST	MetLife Acct #124921356678 95.00 shares @33.01/share basis	✓	\$	3,135.95

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	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$	61,430.35
	<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>		
ST	Bank of America Ckg Acct #008519001143, accrued int of \$.00	✓	\$ 7,535.14
W	Blue Bonnet Credit Union Sav? Acct #13332, accrued int of \$.00 (as of 2/29/12 stmt); Note: Bluebonnet Acct #5805 was a credit card acct	✓	\$ 10.91
W or Carol ROS	Bank of America Acct# 586021229546 (account set up to pay bills for and by W); Value at right was closing value of the account	✓	\$ 9,850.49
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$	17,396.54
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
ST	Household and Personal Goods	✓	\$ 5,000.00
ST	Jewelry including Gold Watch and other Miscellaneous pieces (see attached itemized list); per Co-Tee based on similar assets	✓	\$ 853.00
H & W JT	2000 Buick LeSabre, VIN #1G4HR54K3YU229418 (Value per Co-Trustee via email 11/27/2011)	✓	\$ 5,500.00
W (ST)	IRS - Overpayment of Taxes for Tax Year 2010	✓	\$ 6,215.87
ST	Miscellaneous Coins	✓	\$ 690.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$	18,258.87
	<b>IRA/401K</b>		
W	Edward Jones, Acct #609-91956-1-9, ? is bene (shows portfolio summary, value as of 12/31/2011)	✓	\$ 245.52
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$	245.52

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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			\$ 566,332.33

**ILIT IRREVOCABLE TRUST OWNING LIFE INSURANCE**

	<b>LIFE INSURANCE</b>		
Brunsting IRREV Trust	\$250,000.00, ILIT, Policy #JP4432833, 5 kids are trust benes (claim has been made; actual payout as follows: \$250,440.00 (\$440 was death claim interest on the policy which is considered income to the trust earned after date of death)		\$ 250,000.00
	<b>Grand TOTAL IRREV TRUST ASSETS</b>	\$ 250,000.00	

**ELMER BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST (DT) ASSET LIST**

3/30/12

OWNER	ASSET CATEGORY		11/11/11 VALUES of
	<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>		
DT (Decedent's Trust)	143+ Acres, Iowa, Sioux County, Iowa (valued at \$1,294,617.50 on H's Date of death); Value based on Appraisal at @\$15,300/acre	✓	\$ 2,190,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 2,190,000.00	
	<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>		
DT	Edward Jones Acct #653-13579 (Value as of W's DOD at right. Basis was set as of H's DOD); confirmed acct number through Doug Williams' office	✓	\$ 236,588.20
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 236,588.20	

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<b>DRIP ACCOUNTS</b>			
DT	Chevron Acct #125175509293 (Basis \$67.27/share was on H's Date of death); Value at right estimated as of W's Date of death 612.00 shares at \$107.0650/share.	✓	\$ 65,523.78
DT	Chevron Acct#125175509293 (Basis \$6727/share was on H's Date of death); Value at right estimated as of W's Date of death 604.961 shares at \$107.0650/share	✓	\$ 64,770.15
DT	ExxonMobil Acct #C0009467769 (basis \$67.99/share basis on H's DOD) Value at right reflects estimated value on the date of W's date of death for 583 Shares (as of June 2011 and March 2012)	✓	\$ 46,517.57
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$ 176,811.50
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
DT	Rental income from Iowa farm -Normally rec'd payments 10/2011 (\$15,510.00/6 = \$2,585.00/mo) and next payment due 03/2012; Amount at right shown as liability (advance payment received but not yet earned as of date of W's passing)		\$ (10,340.00)
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$ (10,340.00)
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>DECEDENT'S TRUST ASSETS</b>		\$ 2,593,059.70

ST(LT)W	TOTAL 11/11/2011	\$566,332.33
DT(H)	TOTAL 11/11/2011	\$2,593,059.70
ILIT	TOTAL VALUE LIFE INSURANCE TRUST (income \$440.00)	\$250,000.00
	<b>TOTAL 11/11/2011 ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,409,392.03</b>

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AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD

April 1, 2012:



ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, Co-Trustee, under the  
BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, dated October  
10, 1996, as amended.

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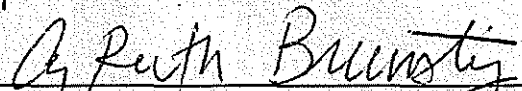
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AMY RUTH BRUNSTING, Co-Trustee, under the  
BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, dated October  
10, 1996, as amended.



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AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD  
April 2, 2012:

  
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10, 1996, as amended.