# MAINE DURABLE FINANCIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

**Notice to the Principal: As the "Principal" you are using this power of attorney to grant power to another person (called the Agent) to make decisions about your property and to use your property on your behalf. Under this power of attorney, you give your Agent broad and sweeping powers to sell or otherwise dispose of your property without notice to you. Under this document your Agent will continue to have these powers after you become incapacitated. The powers that you give your Agent are explained more fully in the Maine Uniform Power of Attorney Act, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, Article 5, Part 9. You have the right to revoke this power of attorney at any time as long as you are not incapacitated. If there is anything about this power of attorney that you do not understand you should ask a lawyer to explain it to you.**

**Notice to the Agent: As the "Agent" you are given power under this power of attorney to make decisions about the property belonging to the Principal and to dispose of the Principal's property on the Principal's behalf in accordance with the terms of this power of attorney. This power of attorney is valid only if the Principal is of sound mind when the Principal signs it. When you accept the authority granted under this power of attorney a special legal relationship is created between you and the Principal. This relationship imposes upon you legal duties that continue until you resign or the power of attorney is terminated or revoked. The duties are more fully explained in the Maine Uniform Power of Attorney Act, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, Article 5, Part 9 and Title 18-B, sections 802 to 807 and Title 18-B, chapter 9. As the Agent, you are generally not entitled to use the Principal's property for your own benefit or to make gifts to yourself or others unless the power of attorney gives you such authority. If you violate your duty under this power of attorney you may be liable for damages and may be subject to criminal prosecution. You must stop acting on behalf of the Principal if you learn of any event that terminates this power of attorney or your authority under this power of attorney. Events of termination are more fully explained in the Maine Uniform Power of Attorney Act and include, but are not limited to, revocation of your authority or of the power of attorney by the Principal, the death of the Principal or the commencement of divorce proceedings between you and the Principal. If there is anything about this power of attorney or your duties under it that you do not understand you should ask a lawyer to explain it to you.**

I, _____, the principal, of _____, State of _____, hereby designate _____, of _____, State of _____, my attorney-in-fact (hereinafter my "attorney-in-fact"), to act as initialed below, in my name, in my stead and for my benefit, hereby revoking any and all financial powers of attorney I may have executed in the past.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

(Choose the applicable paragraph by placing your initials in the preceding space)

_____ - A. I grant my attorney-in-fact the powers set forth herein immediately upon the execution of this document. These powers shall not be affected by any subsequent disability or incapacity I may experience in the future.

or

_____ - B. I grant my attorney-in-fact the powers set forth herein only when it has been determined in writing, by my attending physician, that I am unable to properly handle my financial affairs.

## POWERS OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

My attorney-in-fact shall exercise powers in my best interests and for my welfare, as a fiduciary. My attorney-in-fact shall have the following powers:

(Choose the applicable power(s) by placing your initials in the preceding space)

_____ **BANKING** - To receive and deposit funds in any financial institution, and to withdraw funds by check or otherwise to pay for goods, services, and any other personal and business expenses for my benefit. If necessary, to affect my attorney-in-fact's powers, my attorney-in-fact is authorized to execute any document required to be signed by such banking institution.

_____ **SAFE DEPOSIT BOX** - To have access at any time or times to any safe-deposit box rented by me or to which I may have access, wheresoever located, including drilling, if necessary, and to remove all or any part of the contents thereof, and to surrender or relinquish said safe-deposit box; and any institution in which any such safe-deposit box may be located shall not incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my attorney-in-fact to exercise this power.

_____ **LENDING OR BORROWING** - To make loans in my name; to borrow money in my name, individually or jointly with others; to give promissory notes or other obligations therefor; and to deposit or mortgage as collateral or for security for the payment thereof any or all of my securities, real estate, personal property, or other property of whatever nature and wherever situated, held by me personally or in trust for my benefit.

_____ **GOVERNMENT BENEFITS** - To apply for and receive any government benefits for which I may be eligible or become eligible, including but not limited to, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

_____ **RETIREMENT PLAN** - To contribute to, select payment option of, roll-over, and receive benefits of any retirement plan or IRA I may own, except my attorney-in-fact shall not have power to change the beneficiary of any of my retirement plans or IRAs.

_____ **TAXES** - To complete and sign any local, state and federal tax returns on my behalf, pay any taxes and assessments due and receive credits and refunds owed to me and to sign any tax agency documents necessary to effectuate these powers.

_____ **INSURANCE** - To purchase, pay premiums and make claims on life, health, automobile and homeowners' insurance on my behalf, except my attorney-in-fact shall not have the power to cash in or change the beneficiary of any life insurance policy.

_____ **REAL ESTATE** - To acquire, purchase, exchange, lease, grant options to sell, and sell and convey real property, or any interests therein, on such terms and conditions, including credit arrangements, as my attorney-in-fact shall deem proper; to execute, acknowledge and deliver, under seal or otherwise, any and all assignments, transfers, deeds, papers, documents or instruments which my attorney-in-fact shall deem necessary in connection therewith.

_____ **PERSONAL PROPERTY** - To acquire, purchase, exchange, lease, grant options to sell, and sell and convey personal property, or any interests therein, on such terms and conditions, including credit arrangements, as my attorney-in-fact shall deem proper; to execute, acknowledge and deliver, under seal or otherwise, any and all assignments, transfers, titles, papers, documents or instruments which my attorney-in-fact shall deem necessary in connection therewith; to purchase, sell or otherwise dispose of, assign, transfer and convey shares of stock, bonds, securities and other personal property now or hereafter belonging to me, whether standing in my name or otherwise, and wherever situated.

_____ **POWER TO MANAGE PROPERTY**- To maintain, repair, improve, invest, manage, insure, rent, lease, encumber, and in any manner deal with any real or personal property, tangible or intangible, or any interests therein, that I now own or may hereafter acquire, in my name and for my benefit, upon such terms and conditions as my attorney-in-fact shall deem proper.

_____ **GIFTS** - To make gifts, grants, or other transfers (including the forgiveness of indebtedness and the completion of any charitable pledges I may have made) without consideration, either outright or in trust to such person(s) (including my attorney-in-fact hereunder) or organizations as my attorney-in-fact shall select, including, without limitation, the following actions: (a) transfer by gift in advancement of a bequest or devise to beneficiaries under my will or in the absence of a will to my spouse and descendants in whatever degree; and (b) release of any life interest, or waiver, renunciation, disclaimer, or declination of any gift to me by will, deed, or trust

_____ **LEGAL ADVICE AND PROCEEDINGS** - To obtain and pay for legal advice, to initiate or defend legal and administrative proceedings on my behalf, including actions against third parties who refuse, without cause, to honor this instrument.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** On the following lines are any special instructions limiting or extending the powers I give to my attorney-in-fact (Write "None" if no additional instructions are given):

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**AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT:** Any party dealing with my attorney-in-fact hereunder may rely absolutely on the authority granted herein and need not look to the application of any proceeds nor the authority of my attorney-in-fact as to any action taken hereunder. In this regard, no person who may in good faith act in reliance upon the representations of my attorney-in-fact or the authority granted hereunder shall incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of such act. I hereby ratify and confirm whatever my attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do under this instrument. My attorney-in-fact is authorized as he or she deems necessary to bring an action in court so that this instrument shall be given the full power and effect that I intend on by executing it.

**LIABILITY OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT**: My attorney-in-fact shall not incur any liability to me under this power except for a breach of fiduciary duty.

**REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT**: My attorney-in-fact is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in exercising powers hereunder, and to reasonable compensation for services provided as attorney-in-fact.

**AMENDMENT AND REVOCATION**: I can amend or revoke this power of attorney through a writing delivered to my attorney-in-fact. Any amendment or revocation is ineffective as to a third party until such third party has notice of such revocation or amendment.

**STATE LAW**: This Power of Attorney is governed by the laws of the State of Maine.

**PHOTOCOPIES**: Photocopies of this document can be relied upon as though they were originals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have on this ____ day of _____, 20____, executed this Financial Power of Attorney.

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Principal's Signature

# CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF _____

_____ County, ss.

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me appeared _____, as Principal of this Power of Attorney who proved to me through government issued photo identification to be the above-named person, in my presence executed foregoing instrument and acknowledged that (s)he executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

_____
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

## AGENT'S CERTIFICATION AS TO THE VALIDITY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND AGENT'S AUTHORITY

State of _____
County of _____

I, _____ (Name of Agent), certify under penalty of perjury that _____ (Name of Principal) granted me authority as an agent or successor agent in a power of attorney dated _____, 20____.

I further certify that to my knowledge:

(1) The Principal is alive and has not revoked the Power of Attorney or my authority to act under the Power of Attorney and the Power of Attorney and my authority to act under the Power of Attorney have not terminated;

(2) If the Power of Attorney was drafted to become effective upon the happening of an event or contingency, the event or contingency has occurred;

(3) If I was named as a successor agent, the prior agent is no longer able or willing to serve; and

(4) _____
_____ (Insert other relevant statements)

## SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

_____ _____
Agent's Signature Date

_____
Agent's Name Printed

_____
Agent's Address

_____
Agent's Telephone Number

This document was acknowledged before me on _____, 20____, by _____ (Name of Agent)

_____ (Seal, if any)
Signature of Notary/Attorney

My commission expires: _____

This document prepared by: _____