or incidental thereto, with the same validity and effect as if I were personally present, competent, and personally exercised the powers myself. All acts lawfully done by Attorney hereunder during any period of my disability or mental incompetence shall have the same effect and inure to the benefit of and bind me and my heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives as if I were mentally competent and not disabled. The powers herein conferred may be exercised by Attorney alone and the signature or act of Attorney on my behalf may be accepted by third persons as fully authorized by me and with the same force and effect as if done under my hand and seal and as if I were present in person, acting on my own behalf and competent. No person who may act in reliance upon the representations of Attorney for the scope of authority granted to Attorney shall incur any liability to me or to my estate as a result of permitting Attorney to exercise any power, nor shall any person dealing with Attorney be responsible to determine or insure the proper application of funds or property.

#### ARTICLE IV.

### <u>Miscellaneous</u>

### A. Exculpation

Attorney, Attorney's heirs, successors and assigns are hereby released and forever discharged from any and all liability upon any claim or demand of any nature whatsoever by me, my heirs or assigns, the beneficiaries under my will or under any trust which I have created or shall hereafter create or any person whomsoever on account of any failure to act of Attorney pursuant to this power of attorney.

## B. Definitions

Whenever the word "Attorney" or "Principal" or any modifying or substituted pronoun therefor is used in this power of attorney, such words and respective pronouns shall be held and taken to include both the singular and the plural, the masculine, feminine and neuter gender thereof.

# C. Severability

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

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