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### **DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**Grantor:** 

DONNA DIXON

Grantee:

HOMER DIXON; JANI L. HYMAS; RENEE WHITE

Abbreviated Legal:
Assessor's Tax Parcel #

N/A N/A

Other Reference Nos: N/A

The undersigned, as the principal, domiciled and residing in Cowlitz County, Washington, hereby revokes any and all previously executed powers of attorney which are inconsistent with this power of attorney and designates the following named person or persons in the alternative as attorney in fact.

1. <u>Designation</u>. HOMER DIXON is designated as attorney in fact. If for any reason HOMER DIXON is unable or unwilling to act as attorney in fact, JANI L. HYMAS is designated as alternate attorney in fact. If for any reason JANI L. HYMAS is unable or unwilling to act as attorney in fact, RENEE WHITE is designated as second alternate attorney in fact.

#### 2. Powers.

- a) General. The attorney in fact, as fiduciary, shall have all powers of an absolute owner over the assets and liabilities of the principal, whether located within or without the State of Washington. This shall include, but not be limited to, the power to:
  - i) manage all checking, savings, money market, share, certificate of deposit, or other account at any bank or credit union, including making deposits and withdrawals, transferring funds, writing checks, having online access (including online bill paying), and taking any other action the principal could take with regard to any such account;

- ii) lease, let, grant, bargain, sell, contract to sell, convey, exchange, encumber, release, subdivide, develop and dispose of any real or personal property of which the principal is now or hereafter may be possessed or in which the principal may have any right, title or interest, including rights of homestead, for any price or sum and upon such terms and conditions as to the attorney in fact may deem proper;
- manage any individual retirement account (IRA) or any qualified or non-qualified retirement account, pension plan or other retirement benefit. This shall include authority to manage the investments; change investment managers; transfer accounts to different brokerage firms, mutual funds, or other retirement account providers; elect lump sum or other distributions; direct rollovers to IRAs or plan-to-plan transfers; make necessary elections and required mandatory distributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(9); make other withdrawals as needed; and update beneficiary designations to be consistent with the principal's estate plan;
- iv) manage any insurance benefits and insurance policies including, but not limited to, health, long-term care, automobile, or life insurance policies. This shall include the authority to compromise, adjust and settle any claims or matters arising in connection with any such policies; borrow money thereon; withdraw, cash, surrender, assign, or pledge any such policy or policies or to use the same for any other purpose in accordance with the terms thereof without the consent or approval of any beneficiary of the policy; and update beneficiary designations to be consistent with the principal's estate plan;
- v) represent the principal in all federal or state tax matters, including the signing and filing of all tax returns, including, but not limited to, Forms 1040, 709, and 2848 on the principal's behalf for tax years 2000 to 2050;
- vi) enter the principal's safe deposit box in order to remove documents or other property from or add documents or other property to the box;
- vii) establish and fund a trust, agency account, or other arrangement for the management of assets and the care of the principal, provided that such arrangement is consistent with the existing estate plan;
- viii) amend or revoke any Community Property Agreement entered into between the principal and her spouse; and
- ix) continue contributions to charitable organizations to which the principal has established a pattern of giving.

- b) Securities. As assurance to transfer agents, and not by way of limitation, this power includes the power to purchase or sell any stocks, bonds (including government bonds), shares of mutual funds, or other securities or any interest therein and in that regard to endorse any stock certificates, stock powers, affidavits of domicile or other documents necessary to effect the transfer of such property or interest, to take possession of any stock certificate, bond or other security or register same in the name of any stock broker, stock brokerage account, or mutual fund account.
- c) Health Care Decisions. If the principal is incapacitated and is unable to make health care decisions on her own behalf, the attorney in fact shall have all powers to make medical and health care decisions on behalf of the principal, including the power to withhold or withdraw treatment, grant informed consent or refuse treatment pursuant to RCW 7.70.065, and exercise any and all other powers necessary or appropriate to provide for health care and treatment of the principal. The attorney in fact is to be considered a "personal representative" of the principal for purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 as it may be amended. As such, the attorney in fact is authorized to exercise the same rights that the principal could exercise with respect to receiving, reviewing, and disclosing information regarding the health care of the principal. The attorney in fact is authorized to execute an authorization required by a health care provider for the disclosure or use of health information of the principal. This Power of Attorney shall include the power to approve or to direct the withholding or withdrawing of life sustaining procedures including, but not limited to, utilizing mechanical or other artificial means such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, defibrillation, the use of a respirator, intubation, the insertion of a naso-gastric tube, and intravenous nutrition and hydration. Pursuant to RCW 11.94.010 and RCW 11.92.043, the attorney in fact may not, without court approval, on behalf of the principal, consent to: therapy or other procedures which induce convulsion; surgery solely for the purpose of psychosurgery; other psychiatric or mental health procedures which are intrusive on the person's body integrity or physical freedom of movement. The principal has also executed a Directive under the Natural Death Act of the State of Washington. In the event the principal is in a permanent coma or a persistent vegetative state, it is the principal's desire that artificial feeding be refused and further medical treatment be limited to the measures necessary or appropriate to achieve comfort and permit a natural death. It is the intent of the principal that this Power of Attorney and the Directive be interpreted to grant the broadest scope of power to make health care decisions and refuse treatment permitted under the laws of the State of Washington.
- d) <u>Disposition of Remains and Arrangements for Funeral or Memorial Services</u>. During the principal's lifetime, the attorney in fact shall also have the authority to arrange for disposition of the principal's remains and to make arrangements for any funeral or memorial services upon the principal's death. Such arrangements shall be consistent with the wishes expressed in the principal's Will or otherwise known to the attorney in fact.

- e) <u>Disclaimer</u>. The attorney in fact shall have the power to execute, in the manner provided in RCW 11.86.021 as now enacted or hereafter amended, a disclaimer on behalf of the principal of any interest, in whole or in part, or with reference to specific parts, shares or assets, to which the principal may become entitled.
- f) Transfers to Qualify for Medicaid or Other Assistance. It is the intent of the principal that reasonable efforts be made to qualify her for Medicaid nursing home care benefits or other government assistance programs if the need for such care arises. The attorney in fact shall have the power to take the following actions if the attorney in fact determines that such actions are in the best interests of the principal and consistent with the existing estate plan to qualify the principal for Medicaid or other assistance:
  - i) revoke or amend a Living Trust, Community Property Agreement, or other testamentary disposition;
  - ii) change the beneficiary of life insurance, retirement benefits, annuities or other assets which pass by beneficiary designation;
  - iii) make gifts to family members or trusts for the benefit of the principal and/or her family members; and
  - iv) establish and fund a trust, agency account or other arrangement for the management of assets and the care of the principal and/or her family members.
- 3. <u>Purposes</u>. The attorney in fact shall have full powers as described herein for any and all purposes on behalf of the principal, including, but not limited to, the support, maintenance, health, emergencies, welfare, comfort, investments or necessities of the principal.

#### 4. Effectiveness.

- a) If the principal's spouse is serving as attorney in fact, this power of attorney shall become effective immediately and shall not be affected by the disability or incapacity of the principal.
- b) If the principal's spouse is deceased, incapacitated, or declines to serve as attorney in fact, this power of attorney shall become effective upon the disability or incapacity of the principal and shall remain effective only during such disability or incapacity. Disability or incapacity shall include the inability to manage property and affairs effectively for reasons such as (but not limited to) mental illness, mental deficiency, developmental disability, mental retardation, physical illness or disability, advanced age, chronic or excessive use of

drugs, chronic intoxication, confinement by governmental authority, detention by a foreign power or disappearance. Unless a qualified physician who has completed a full examination determines otherwise and evidences his or her determination in a signed written certificate delivered to the principal's attorney in fact, the principal shall be deemed to have full capacity and not to be disabled or incapacitated. In the case of confinement, detention or disappearance, disability may be evidenced by a written statement of qualified persons with knowledge of any such disability. Whenever the principal is considered disabled or incapacitated under this paragraph, upon written request of the principal, the physician shall determine whether the principal is still disabled or incapacitated. If determined that the principal is no longer disabled, the principal shall be deemed to have full capacity upon delivery to the attorney in fact of the physician's signed written certificate to that effect. Incapacity may also be established by a finding of a court having jurisdiction over the incapacitated principal. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, THE PERSON(S) NAMED AS ATTORNEY(S) IN FACT IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE SHALL HAVE IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN HEALTH CARE INFORMATION AS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION OF INCAPACITY OF THE PRINCIPAL.

- 5. <u>Duration</u>. This durable power of attorney becomes effective as provided in paragraph 4 and shall remain in effect until revoked or terminated under paragraph 6 or 7, notwithstanding any uncertainty as to whether the principal is dead or alive.
- 6. Revocation. This power of attorney may be revoked, suspended or terminated in writing by the principal with written notice to the designated attorney in fact. In addition, if this power of attorney has been recorded, the written instrument of revocation shall be recorded in the same county or counties where the original power of attorney was recorded. The filing of a petition for divorce, dissolution, or legal separation by the principal or the principal's spouse shall automatically revoke the designation of the spouse as attorney in fact for the principal.

#### 7. Termination.

- a) By Appointment of Guardian. The appointment of a guardian of the estate of the principal vests in the guardian, with court approval, the power to revoke, suspend or terminate this power of attorney. The appointment of a guardian of the person only does not empower the guardian to revoke, suspend or terminate this power of attorney. In the event it becomes necessary to appoint a guardian of the principal's person or estate, it is the principal's desire that the above person or persons be appointed.
- b) <u>By Death of Principal</u>. The death of the principal shall be deemed to revoke this power of attorney upon actual knowledge or actual notice being received by the attorney in fact.

- 8. Accounting. The attorney in fact shall be required to account to any successor attorney in fact or subsequently appointed personal representative.
- 9. Reliance. Any person dealing with the attorney in fact shall be entitled to rely upon this power of attorney as long as such person has received no actual knowledge or actual notice of any revocation, suspension or termination of the power of attorney by death or otherwise. Any action so taken, unless otherwise invalid or unenforceable, shall be binding on the heirs, devisees, legatees or personal representatives of the principal.
- 10. Indemnity. The estate of the principal shall hold harmless and indemnify the attorney in fact from all liability for acts done in good faith and not in fraud of the principal.
- 11. Applicable Law. The laws of the State of Washington shall govern this power of attorney.

This power of attorney is signed this fh day of feffective as provided in paragraph 4.

STATE OF WASHINGTON ) : ss. )

County of Clark

I certify that DONNA DIXON appeared personally before me and that I know or have satisfactory evidence that she signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

DATED this find day of \_

KATHRYN E. HOLLAND **NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF WASHINGTON COMMISSION EXPIRES

DECEMBER 15, 2018

My Commission Expires:

## PeaceHealth

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January 2, 2025

Donna M Dixon 11613 Se 7th St Apt 140 Vancouver WA 98683

To Whom It May Concern:

Donna M Dixon (date of birth: 2/28/1934) is a patient of our clinic under my care. She has a diagnosis of dementia with progressive symptoms, leading to memory impairment, cognitive deficits and inability to manage finance/medication decisions at this time.

Your partner in health,

Kristen A Tremaine, MD

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