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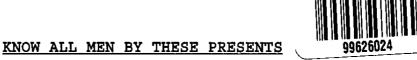
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POWER OF ATTORNEY



1. That I, Francis Downes of Palos Heights, Illinois, hereby appoint Veronica Timke, as my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name, place and stead and for my use and benefit to do any and all acts as I might or could do if personally present including but not limited to the following:

- a. To exercise, do, or perform any act, right, power, duty, or obligation whatsoever that I now have or may acquire the legal right, power, or capacity to exercise, do or perform in connection with, arising out of or relating to any person, item, thing, transaction, business property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or matter whatsoever.
- b. To ask, demand, sue for, lecover, collect, receive, and hold and possess all such sums of money, debts, dues, bonds, notes, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, interests, dividends, stock certificates, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension and retirement benefits, insurance benefits and proceeds, documents of title, chooses in action, personal and real property, intangible and tangible property and property rights, and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, as are now, or shall hereafter become due, owing, payable, owned, or belonging to me or in which I have or may acquire an interest, and to have, use, and take all lawful ways and means and legal and equitable

remedies, procedures, and writs in my name for the collection and recovery thereof, and to compromise, settle, and agree for the same, and to make, execute, and deliver for me and in my name all endorsements, acquittances, releases, receipts, or other sufficient discharges for the same.

- c. To lease, purchase, exchange, and acquire, and to bargain, contract, and agree for the lease, purchase, exchange, and acquisition of, and to take, receive, and possess any real or personal property whatsoever, intangible or tangible, or interest therein, on such terms and conditions, and under such covenants, as such attorney in fact shall deem proper.
- d. To improve, replir, maintain, manage, insure, rent, lease, sell, release, convey subject to liens, mortgage, and hypothecate, and in any way or manner deal with all or any part of any real or personal property, intangible and tangible, whatsoever, or any interest therein, which I now own or may hereafter acquire, for me and in my name, and under such terms and conditions, and under such coverants as such attorney shall deem proper.
- e. To engage in and transact any and all lawful business of whatever nature or kind for me and in my name; and
- f. To sign, indorse, execute, acknowledge, deliver, receive, and possess such applications, contracts, agreements, options, covenants, deeds, conveyances, security agreements, bills of sale, leases, mortgages, assignments, insurance policies, bills of lading, warehouse receipts, documents of

title, bills, bonds, debentures, checks, draft, bills of exchange, notes, stock certificates, proxies, warrants, commercial paper, receipts, withdrawal receipts and deposit instruments relating to accounts or deposits in, or certificates of deposit of, banks, savings and loan or other institutions or associations, proofs of loss, evidences of debts, releases, and satisfaction of mortgages, judgments, liens, security agreements, and other debts and obligations, and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers herein granted.

- 2. I grant to my attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, is fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my attorney in fact, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.
- 3. This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a seneral power of attorney. The enumeration of specific items, acts, rights or powers herein does not limit or restrict, and is not to be construed or interpreted as limiting or restricting the general powers herein granted to my attorney in fact.
- 4. The rights, powers, and authority of my attorney in fact to exercise any and all of the rights and powers herein granted shall

commence and be in full force and effect on October 1, 1998 and shall remain in full force and effect until my death.

5. If any agent named herein shall die, become incompetent, resign, refuse to accept the office of agent or otherwise be unable to effect the office of agent I name Patricia Skiles as successor to such agent.

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Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF C O O K)

I, Donna KNICAS, a Notary Public in and for, and residing in the said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Francis Downes is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument appeared before me this day in person, and I acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and notarial seal, this 1st day of October, 1998.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
Donna Y. Knieps
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires July 16, 2001

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