

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Birdie Hice of Greenville County, South Carolina, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Maude Hice Nix of Greenville County, South Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as "my Attorney") my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, place and stead to do the following acts and to exercise the following powers, and I intend that, subject to the definitions hereinafter contained, the same be construed in the broadest possible manner:

(1) To endorse any and all checks, drafts or vouchers, and to cash the same or deposit their proceeds; to sign and issue checks on any bank account in my name; and to make, execute and deliver, cancel modify, buy, sell, exchange, pledge, or otherwise acquire or dispose of any tangible or intangible property of mine by means of any type instrument necessary or advisable to accomplish the same.

(2) To manage, operate, protect and conserve all securities, properties, interests and investments owned by me; to collect, hold or pay out or otherwise deal with the income therefrom or the principal thereof; and from time to time make investments for me without any restrictions whatsoever as to the kind of investment.

(3) To assign and transfer upon the books of any municipality, corporation, association or company any stocks, bonds or other securities which are now or may hereafter be registered in my name.

(4) To vote in person or by proxy at corporate or other meetings and to effect, participate in or consent to any reorganization, merger, voting trust or other action affecting any securities which I now or may hereafter own, or the issuers thereof, and to make payments in connection therewith.

(5) To enter into, perform, modify, extend, cancel, compromise or otherwise act with respect to any contract of any sort whatsoever.

