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## CERTIFICATION OF TRUST RE: JAMES E. BROWN FIRST PARTY IRREVOCABLE SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST Created December 15, 2022 Pursuant to RCW 11.98.075

SETTLOR: JAMES E. BROWN TRUSTEES: JAMES O. RICHARDSON

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: None
PARCEL NUMBER: None
REFERENCE NUMBER: None

- (1) Instead of furnishing a copy of the Trust instrument to a person other than a beneficiary, the Trustee may furnish to the person this Certification of Trust containing the following information:
  - (a) JAMES E. BROWN FIRST PARTY IRREVOCABLE SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST ("Trust") was created on December 15, 2022
  - (b) The Trust was created by JAMES E. BROWN ("Settlor").
  - (c) JAMES O. RICHARDSON ("Trustee") of 5119 Doon Way, Anacortes, Washington has accepted appointment and currently serves as Trustee of the Trust.

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- (d) The Trustee shall have powers enumerated in the Trust, and such powers shall be exercised by Trustee in addition to those powers now or hereafter conferred upon Trustee by applicable statue or by any court of competent jurisdiction, subject in all events to the Trustee's fiduciary duty owed to the beneficiaries. The Trustee shall have all the powers available to Trustee in accordance with the laws of Washington, and specifically RCW 11.98.070, including, but not limited to the following specific powers:
  - (d.1) Power to conduct banking activities;
  - (d.2) Power to make investments;
  - (d.3) Power to acquire, exchange, or dispose of property;
  - (d.4) Power to manage and repair real property;
  - (d.5) Power to encumber property;
  - (d.6) Power to invest in securities;
  - (d.7) Power to buy insurance;
  - (d.8) Power to commence or defend litigation;
  - (d.9) Power to pay, settle, or release claims;
  - (d.10) Power to employ consultants;
  - (d.11) Power to adjust for tax consequences
  - (d.12) Power to pay taxes and fees
- (e) The Trust is irrevocable without the power of the Court.
- (f) The Trustee shall have the power to sign or otherwise authenticate in order to exercise the powers of the Trustee.
- (g) The name of the Trust is JAMES E. BROWN FIRST PARTY IRREVOCABLE SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST.
- (2) This Certification of Trust is signed below by the acting Trustee, JAMES O. RICHARDSON.
- (3) The Trust has not been revoked, modified, or amended in any manner that would cause the representations contained in the Certification of Trust to be incorrect.
  - (4) A Certification of Trust need not contain the dispositive terms of a trust.

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- A recipient of this Certification of Trust may require the Trustee to furnish copies (5)of those excerpts from the original trust instrument and later amendments which designate the Trustee and confer upon the Trustee the power to act in the pending transaction or any other reasonable information.
- A person who acts in reliance upon this Certification of Trust without knowledge that the representations contained therein are incorrect is not liable to any person for so acting and may assume without inquiry the existence of the facts contained in the Certification. Knowledge of the terms of the trust may not be inferred solely from the fact that a copy of all or part of the trust instrument is held by the person relying upon the certification.
- A person who in good faith enters into a transaction in reliance upon this Certification of Trust may enforce the transaction against the trust property as if the representations contained in the Certification were correct.
- A person making a demand for the Trust instrument in addition to a Certification of Trust or excerpts is liable for damages, including reasonable attorney fees, if the court determines that the person did not act in good faith in demanding the Trust instrument.
- This section does not limit the right of a person to obtain a copy of the Trust instrument in a judicial proceeding concerning the Trust.

I accept the duties of Trustee as set forth herein and agree to perform the same. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the Trust has not been revoked, modified or amended in any manner that would cause the representations contained in this Certification of Trust to be incorrect.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2022.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON

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STATE OF WASHINGTON ) ss. COUNTY OF WHATCOM )

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that JAMES O. RICHARDSON is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2022.

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SARA LC HULFORD Notary Public in and for the State of Washington Residing in Bellingham

My commission expires: 09/29/2023

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