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STATE OF TENNESSEE

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IN RE: ***MELODY CAROLE***

Docket No: ***25P2078***

I, JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Davidson County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Order heretofore entered in the above styled case on October 23, 2025 in the Seventh Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, as same remains of record in the Minutes of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at office, in Nashville, on August 14, 2026.

JOSEPH P. DAY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk,

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MELODY CAROLE

I, **MELODY CAROLE**, a resident of **Brentwood, Davidson County, Tennessee**, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this as my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all wills and codicils heretofore made by me.

ARTICLE I
INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

1.1. I nominate and appoint my cousin, **ASHLEY DOYLE** of **Shelby County, Tennessee** as Executrix of this Last Will and Testament. I direct that no bond shall be required of my Executrix.

1.2. If **ASHLEY DOYLE** is unable to perform her duty as the Executrix of my Last Will and Testament, I hereby nominate and appoint **MICAH WARK** as my alternate Executor. I direct that no bond shall be requited of my alternate Executor.

1.3. Whenever the terms "Executor" or "Executrix" are used herein, they shall be deemed to apply to the party or parties acting and any reference to such party or parties in one gender shall be deemed to mean the proper gender.

1.4. Whenever the terms "Spouse" or "Husband" are used herein, they shall refer to my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS**, provided we are validly married at the time of my death.

1.5. The term "Child" or "Children" as used in this Will shall refer to my

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Children, **LUCAS CLAYTON WILSON** and **MERYL MAXWELL WILSON.**

ARTICLE II

PAYMENT OF DEBTS, EXPENSES AND TAXES

2.1. I direct that all of my just and enforceable debts, (except debts secured by mortgages or other security instruments, which may be paid off or retained in the discretion of my Executrix), including funeral and testamentary expenses and expenses of my last illness, be paid as soon as may be convenient after my death. I further direct that all estate, inheritance and other taxes of the same nature (except any generation-skipping taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Code or by any state) which are payable because of my death, including any interest or penalties thereon, with respect to the property comprising my estate for such tax purposes, whether or not such property passes under this Will and whether such taxes are payable by my estate or by any recipient or beneficiary of any such property, shall be paid entirely out of my residuary estate as an expense of administration and without apportionment, and with no right of reimbursement from any recipient or beneficiary of any such property. No part of said debts, expenses and taxes shall be charged against or paid out of any part of my estate so as to render taxable any amounts which otherwise qualify for the marital deduction.

2.2. My Executrix is specifically authorized, in my Executrix's sole discretion, to apply the proceeds from any insurance policies on my life which are payable to my estate in paying debts, expenses of administration and taxes, notwithstanding the

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provisions of any state law to the contrary; provided, however, that this provision shall not be construed so as to make the proceeds of any insurance subject to debts, taxes or expenses, or to waive the exemption as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 56-7-201, or successor provisions.

ARTICLE III

BEQUEST OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

3.1. I may leave a letter designating my desires as to certain articles of personal property being given to certain persons. In such event, it is my request that my Executor honor this letter, and that my other family members abide by the designations set forth in such letter. However, such letter shall not constitute a testamentary devise, and my Executor shall not be bound by such letter. Any items mentioned in such letter, and not treated as set forth in such letter, shall pass as provided below in this Article.

3.2. I devise to my child, **MERYL MAXWELL WILSON**, the following items of personal property: my armoire, my chest of drawers, my marble chest, my wicker chair, my rug, my personal effects, my jewelry, my sofa chairs and end tables, my vehicles.

3.3. I devise to my child, **LUCAS CLAYTON WILSON**, the following items of personal property: my table and chairs, my desk, and my other rug.

3.4. Other property, including houseplants, the family library, painting supplies, art, and cookware shall be divided among my children, **MERYL MAXWELL**

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WILSON and **LUCAS CLAYTON WILSON** under the direction of my Executrix. All family photos shall be duplicated and divided between my children under the direction of my Executrix.

3.5. If, in the discretion of my Executrix, any of such property is not suitable for delivery, the Executrix may retain such property in safekeeping for future distribution, or may sell such property and add the proceeds to my residuary estate.

3.6. In the event one or both of my children predeceases me, the surviving issue of my deceased child shall take the share of their deceased parent, per stirpes. If a deceased Child does not leave any surviving issue, his or her share shall pass to the surviving Child. If there is no Child who survives me but a deceased Child has surviving issue, the surviving issue of my deceased Child shall take the share of their deceased parent, per stirpes. Should my child or children not survive me, and not leave issue surviving me, then his or her share shall be divided equally among my surviving heirs at law, or the then surviving issue of any deceased heirs at law, with the then surviving issue of any deceased heirs at law to take the share of their deceased parent, per stirpes.

ARTICLE IV

DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY / ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

4.1. In accordance with the Postnuptial Agreement entered by me and my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS**, on June 30, 2025, my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS**, is obligated to abide with Provision 11. (b) of the "Postnuptial

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Agreement." Ownership of the **381 Blackman Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37211** property shall be regarded as the Separate Property of myself, **MELODY CAROLE.**

4.2. To my child, **MERYL MAXWELL WILSON,** I bequeath all ownership, interest, and title in the **381 Blackman Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37211** property, free and clear of any joint ownership interest with my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS,** or my other child, **LUCAS CLAYTON WILSON.** If my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS,** and I are not validly married at the time of my death, I direct my Executrix to transfer this property to my child, **MERYL MAXWELL WILSON,** to satisfy this bequest.

4.3. To my child, **LUCAS CLAYTON WILSON,** I bequeath a sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00) from the marital property of myself and my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS,** in accordance with Provision 11.b of the "Postnuptial Agreement.". If my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS,** and I are not validly married at the time of my death, I direct my Executrix to allocate $500,000.00 of funds from my estate to satisfy the bequest to my child, **LUCAS CLAYTON WILSON.**

4.4. To my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS,** I bequeath the remainder of all property not heretofore mentioned. If my Husband, **BRETT JAMES CORNELIUS,** and I are not validly married at the time of my death, I bequeath the remainder of my property to my children, **MERYL MAXWELL WILSON** and **LUCAS CLAYTON WILSON,** to be divided equally. In the event one or both of my children predeceases me, the surviving issue of my deceased child shall take the share of my

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remaining property from their deceased parent, per stirpes. If a deceased Child does not leave any surviving issue, his or her share of my remaining property shall pass to the surviving Child. If there is no Child who survives me but a deceased Child has surviving issue, the surviving issue of my deceased child shall take the share of their deceased parent, per stirpes. Should my child or children not survive me, and not leave issue surviving me, then his or her share shall be divided equally among my surviving heirs at law, or the then surviving issue of any deceased heirs at law, with the then surviving issue of any deceased heirs at law to take the share of their deceased parent, per stirpes.

ARTICLE V

ALLOCATIONS BY FIDUCIARY

5.1. At any time when it shall become necessary to divide assets between any of the beneficiaries herein named, or to distribute any of said assets, such division or distribution shall be made in such manner as the Executrix or Executor deems proper and may be made in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind. The judgment of the Executrix or Executor on the relative value of assets shall be binding and conclusive on all parties interested. Further, in making distribution of assets the Executrix or Executor as the case may be, shall not be required to distribute a particular asset pro rata to all beneficiaries entitled to receive a distribution, and the Executrix or Executor may make division and distribution of assets without regard to the basis of such assets for Federal or State income tax purposes.

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ARTICLE VI

PROVISIONS FOR COMMON DISASTER

6.1. In the event any legatee, devisee or other beneficiary under this Will and I shall die simultaneously or under circumstances which make it difficult to determine which of us died first, I direct that such beneficiary shall be deemed to have predeceased me for the purposes of this Will, and I direct further that the provisions of this Will be construed upon that assumption, irrespective of any provision of law establishing a contrary presumption or requiring survivorship for a fixed period as a condition of taking property by inheritance.

ARTICLE VII

POWERS OF FIDUCIARIES

7.1. My Executrix or Executor shall have all the powers enumerated in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 35-50-110, and the introductory paragraph and all subparagraphs thereof, which to the extent not inconsistent with the express provisions hereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as fully as though copied herein verbatim, except that subparagraphs 1 through 4 of such Section shall apply only to my Executor.

7.2. I hereby authorize my Executrix, in such Executrix's discretion, within nine (9) months after the date of the transfer which created an interest in me, to disclaim in whole or in part any bequest or devise or any interest in any bequest, or any Trust provided for my benefit under the Will of any person or under any trust established for

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my benefit at any time.

7.3. I hereby authorize my Executrix or Executor to create accounts such as those allowed under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, as now or hereafter in effect in Tennessee, or successor or similar statutes allowing creation of accounts.

7.4. I recognize that my Executrix or Executor may deem it advisable to purchase policies of life insurance on one or more persons, and I expressly grant my Executrix or Executor the authority to purchase, own, transfer and manage in all ways any such life insurance. I further waive any requirements on the Executrix or Executor as to diversification of investments to the extent that they may elect to deal with one, or a few, life insurance companies, or that a significant portion of assets may consist of life insurance.

7.5. The fiduciaries shall be authorized to maintain funds on deposit, whether as checking or savings accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts, or otherwise, in any banking institution, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or similar government sponsored insurance in the future, regardless of whether the amount of such funds so deposited may exceed the amount of such insurance available at such banking institution.

7.6. If I am engaged in any business activity as of the date of my death, I expressly grant my Executrix or Executor the authority to continue, expand, contract, sell or close such business in such fiduciary's reasonable discretion, and to take all actions reasonable or necessary to do so. I further waive any requirements on the

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Executrix or Executor as to diversification of investments to the extent that they may elect to continue any such business.

7.7. I recognize that my Executrix or Executor may not be a professional fiduciary and in order to induce such person to serve in such capacity, I hereby direct that the assets of the Estate be used to indemnify and hold my Executrix or Executor harmless with respect to any and all acts, except for fraud or bad faith of such person, in connection with: (i) the administration of my Estate, or (ii) the investment of the assets with respect to my Estate.

7.8. My Executrix or Executor shall have the power to hire persons, including accountants, attorneys, auditors, investment advisors, or other agents, even if they are associated or affiliated with my Executrix or Executor to advise or assist my Executrix or Executor in the performance of administrative duties. This power shall include, but not be limited to, attorneys, accountants or other professionals who may be partners of or associates with my Executrix or Executor in the practice of law, accounting or other professions.

7.9. It is my intention that my fiduciaries shall be properly compensated for their service. Any corporate fiduciary shall be entitled to charge for fees and expenses in amounts consistent with those generally charged by reputable corporate fiduciaries for such services in the area where such corporate fiduciary is located. Any individual fiduciary shall be entitled to charge for fees and expenses in amounts consistent with those generally charged by reputable corporate fiduciaries in the area where such

individual fiduciary's office is located.

7.10. Whenever under this Will, any fiduciary, including, but not limited to an Executrix or Executor, is granted the right to take action in such fiduciary's "discretion", then such "discretion" shall mean the discretion of such fiduciary, except as limited by the specific language of this document and specific provisions of law applicable to such decisions. It is my intention that the term "discretion" as used herein shall be interpreted as broadly as possible, except as limited by the specific language of this document and specific provisions of law applicable to such decisions.

7.11. The powers granted to an Executrix or Executor under this Will, including without limitation powers to distribute or accumulate income and to encroach upon principal, shall not constitute a general power of appointment. The powers granted to an Executrix or Executor under this Will, including without limitation powers to distribute or accumulate income and to encroach upon principal, shall not include any power which would cause the inclusion of any of such income or principal in the gross estate of such Executrix or Executor pursuant to Sections 2036, 2037, 2038 or 2041 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or its successor provisions. No Executrix or Executor shall have the right under this Will to participate in any decision to distribute or accumulate income or to encroach for the benefit of such Executrix or Executor, the creditors of such Executrix or Executor, the estate of such Executrix or Executor, the creditors of the estate of such Executrix or Executor or to satisfy the legal obligations of such Executrix or Executor. Further, no Executrix or Executor shall participate in any

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decision to distribute or accumulate income, or to encroach, for the benefit, or to satisfy the legal obligations of support, of such Executrix or Executor.

7.12. If at any time any fiduciary is uncertain as to the interpretation of this document, as to such fiduciary's authority under this document, as to the appropriate actions to take or any other matter arising in such fiduciary's administration (whether or not involving the fiduciary's discretion), the fiduciary shall have the authority to file appropriate pleadings in the court having jurisdiction of such estates or trusts to obtain a decision by such court as to any such matter.

7.13. Anything in this Will to the contrary notwithstanding, no provision of this Will shall be interpreted so as to defeat or impair an otherwise available marital deduction under the Internal Revenue Code or under the laws of the state of Tennessee, as now or hereafter in effect; any provision of this Will which would have the effect of defeating or impairing an otherwise available marital deduction under the Internal Revenue Code or under the laws of the state of Tennessee, as now or hereafter in effect, shall be void and of no effect to the extent of such defeat or impairment; and no executor or trustee shall have the right, power or authority to act in any way (or to refrain form acting) so as to defeat or impair an otherwise available marital deduction under the Internal Revenue Code or under the laws of the state of Tennessee, as now or hereafter in effect. The provisions and intentions of Tennessee Code Annotated Section 35-50-112 are expressly incorporated into this Will.

ARTICLE XIII

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WAIVER OF FILINGS

8.1. I hereby waive the requirement that my Executrix or Executor file an inventory or accounting of my estate with the court having probate jurisdiction over my estate. This waiver shall include, but not be limited to, the inventory as required by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 30-2-301, and the accounting as required by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 30-2-601, or any amendments or successors to such sections.

ARTICLE XIV

ADMINISTRATION OF REAL PROPERTY

9.1. Except as otherwise expressly provided otherwise herein, I direct pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 31-2-103 that any interests in real property which I may own at my death be administered as part of my estate subject to the control of my personal representative, who shall have full power to grant, bargain, sell, convey, lease, encumber, manage, and otherwise deal in any lawful manner with said real property at any time during the administration of the estate, in the sole discretion of my personal representative, without the approval or joinder of any beneficiary and without the necessity of any person or entity looking to the application of any proceeds that may or might result from any acts of my personal representative in the premises; provided, however, that the provisions of this Article shall not have the effect of revoking or varying any written agreement entered into during my lifetime as to the ownership, use, descent or rights in or to, any real property.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 15 day of July, 2025, to this my Last Will and Testament and have signed the foregoing **twelve (12)** pages at the bottom thereof for the purpose of identification.

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Signed, published and declared by the said **MELODY CAROLE**, being of sound mind and disposing memory, as and for her Last Will and Testament in the presence and sight of us, present at the same time, who at her request, in her presence and sight, and in the presence and sight of each other, have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses on the day and year last written above.

WITNESS:

ADDRESS:

7300 Damsel Ln
Fairview TN, 37062

3799 Asbury Ln
Murfreesboro TN, 37129

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STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON)

Alexis Miniat and Samantha Peña being severally duly sworn, depose and say that:

We are acquainted with the said **MELODY CAROLE,** who executed this Last Will and Testament, consisting of twelve (12) typewritten pages, dated the 15th day of July, 2025, on that date, at Nashville, Tennessee, by subscribing her name at the end thereof in the presence and sight of each of us.

At the time of subscribing said Will, **MELODY CAROLE** , declared the instrument so subscribed by him to be her Last Will and Testament, and we thereupon signed our names as witnesses at the end of said instrument at her request and in her presence and sight, and in the presence and sight of each other.

At the time of executing said Last Will and Testament, **MELODY CAROLE,** was over the age of eighteen (18) years and in our opinion was of sound mind, memory and understanding and not under restraint or in any respect incompetent to make a Last Will and Testament.

This Affidavit is made at the request of the said **MELODY CAROLE.**

Melody Carole

Samantha Peña Alexis Miniat

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 15th day of July, 2025.

M J Kurtz My Commission Expires: 10.17.27

NOTARY PUBLIC

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M J KURTZ STATE OF TENNESSEE NOTARY PUBLIC MONTGOMERY COUNTY