

## CERTIFICATION OF TRUST

Name of Trust: Susan A. Bratton Trust dated March 6, 2025  
(created under the Susan A. Bratton Trust  
dated June 23, 1998)  
Settlor: Susan A. Bratton  
Trustee: Jennifer S. Brandel  
Date of Trust: March 6, 2025

To Whomever It May Concern:

This Certification of Trust is made pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5810.13. The affiant, being duly sworn, deposes the matters set forth below and states that the following provisions are found in the Trust Agreement and may be relied upon as a correct abbreviated statement of the operation of the trust by anyone dealing with any Trustee or successor Trustee of the trust:

- (1) The Susan A. Bratton Trust was created on June 23, 1998, and it is still in existence.
- (2) Susan A. Bratton was the trust settlor, but she died on March 6, 2025, on which date the trust became irrevocable.
- (3) Jennifer S. Brandel, who resides at 56 Hillsboro Road, Mattapan, MA 02126, is the currently acting trustee of the trust. Procedures for substitution and resignation of a trustee and designation of a successor trustee are set forth in the trust instrument.
- (4) The trustee has all of the powers set forth on the attached Exhibit "A".
- (5) Jennifer S. Brandel, as sole Trustee, has the power to act alone. At such time as there may be Co-Trustees, such Co-Trustees shall act by majority decision. The Trustee hereby states that the assertion by any trustee hereinabove designated that (i) he or she is acting either alone or with another as a qualified trustee, or that (ii) he or she is acting with full delegated powers of a co-trustee, shall be sufficient on its face, and no person shall be put to further inquiry into the right of such co-trustee to so act.
- (6) The trust's taxpayer identification number is: 33-7050575.
- (7) Trust property may be titled as follows: "Jennifer S. Brandel, Trustee of the Susan A. Bratton Trust dated March 6, 2025."
- (8) Ohio law governs the trust instrument.
- (9) The trust has not been revoked, modified, or amended in any manner that would cause the representations contained in this certification of trust to be incorrect.

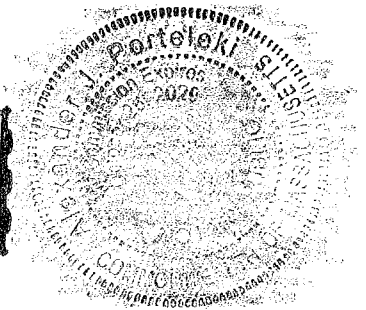
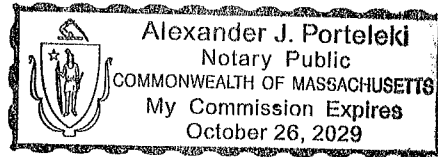
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certification of Trust has been signed by the Trustee on the 22 day of April, 2025.

  
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Jennifer S. Brandel, Trustee

STATE OF Massachusetts, COUNTY OF Suffolk, ss: Boston

This is an acknowledgement clause. No oath or affirmation was administered to the signer. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on April 22, 2025, by Jennifer S. Brandel, as trustee. M.A. Driver's license shown exp. 03-04-2029

  
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Notary Public



THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:  
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made as a separate trust, separate from those assets of such trust with respect to which the election has not been made. The Trustee shall, to the extent possible, charge all distributions of principal first against the assets allocated to that separate trust account with respect to which the qualified terminable interest property election has been made. In addition, to the extent possible, the amount of any state or federal death taxes, including interest and penalties, paid to my husband's Executor from the FAMILY TRUST assets by reason of the inclusion of all or any part of such trust in my husband's taxable estate shall be paid from the separate trust account with respect to which the qualified terminable interest election giving rise to such taxes, interest and penalties has been made.

6.08 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this instrument, if any trust created by this instrument shall violate any applicable rule against perpetuities if not terminated sooner, it shall terminate twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of myself and any beneficiary of the trust in being at the time of my death. Upon such termination, the remaining trust assets shall be distributed free of trust to the person or persons then eligible to receive the income of the trust in such amounts and proportions as the Trustee, in the Trustee's sole discretion, shall determine to approximate my intention with regard to the distribution of such trust.

6.09 Except for a beneficiary's exercise of the power to appoint or disclaim, to the extent permitted by law, no interest of any beneficiary in the income or principal of any trust administered under this instrument (whether or not such beneficiary is then eligible to receive mandatory or discretionary payments from such trust) shall be subject to pledge, assignment, sale or transfer in any manner, nor shall any such beneficiary have the power to anticipate, charge or encumber, whether directly or indirectly, such beneficiary's interest; nor shall the interest of any such beneficiary be liable while in the possession of the Trustee for the debts, contracts, liabilities, engagements or torts of such beneficiary.

**7:00**

**TRUSTEE'S POWERS**

7.01 With respect to each trust created in this instrument, the Trustee shall have, in addition to all other powers granted to trustees by law or in this instrument, the following powers, without giving bond and without prior approval or subsequent confirmation by any court:

- (a) To retain, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of any trust asset on terms deemed appropriate; to purchase, invest, or reinvest in any kind of property, including, without limitation, real property, securities, life insurance, annuities, common trust funds (including any common trust fund of the Trustee) and partnerships (both limited and general); to retain, invest or reinvest in the savings instruments or securities of a corporate Trustee or its corporate affiliates; to manage, repair or improve any property; to

lease as lessor or lessee any property without regard to term; to execute and deliver such instruments as the Trustee shall consider proper in administering the trust; to settle claims for or against the trust upon such terms as the Trustee shall consider appropriate; to borrow money from any source including, without limitation, the commercial department of any corporate Trustee and to pledge and mortgage trust assets to secure repayment; to invest on margin; to hold property in bearer or nominee form;

(b) To diversify or decline to diversify the investment of the trust assets without regard to any statute restricting the power of the Trustee to invest trust assets; to acquire or retain for the benefit of any beneficiary of the trust nonproductive real estate or personal property or both; to retain cash uninvested for such periods of time as the Trustee shall deem advisable; to hold as trust assets a residence and its furnishings and to permit any one or more of the beneficiaries of the trust or their families to use such property without charge;

(c) To carry on any business transferred to the trust estate and to do all things necessary and proper in the usual course of such business;

(d) To vote any shares of stock and to grant proxies with respect thereto;

(e) To employ suitable agents, employees, attorneys and accountants and to pay their reasonable fees and expenses; to employ investment counselors, to delegate to them discretionary powers and to pay their reasonable expenses, and to follow their advice in good faith without liability therefor to any party;

(f) To hold undivided fractional interests in property of any kind, the remaining fractional interests of which are held by the Trustee of any other trust hereunder or by a beneficiary of one of such trusts and the Trustee shall not be required to separate such interests except for bookkeeping purposes and for purposes of distribution of principal;

(g) To make such elections or allocations, and to exercise such options, as are authorized or required by law or by contract, and which the Trustee shall determine to be in the best interests of the trust, even though such action may be advantageous to one or more of the beneficiaries and disadvantageous to other beneficiaries without compensatory adjustments between income and principal;

(h) To make complete or partial distributions, whether of income or principal, in cash or in kind, at such value as the Trustee shall reasonably fix therefor, subject, however, to any specific requirements contained in this instrument;

(i) To merge two or more trusts, whether or not created hereunder, for the same beneficiaries when the Trustee and the terms thereof are substantially the same; to terminate a trust and make distribution to a beneficiary of the beneficiary's share, if the size of the beneficiary's share shall, in the Trustee's opinion, make it impractical for the trust to continue (provided, however, that this power of termination shall be exercisable only when at least one of the Trustees then serving is a disinterested Trustee, and such power shall be exercisable exclusively by such disinterested Trustee or Trustees);

(j) Except with respect to any distribution to my husband from any trust for which a state or federal estate tax marital deduction has been finally allowed, to make distributions provided for herein to a beneficiary by making payments to any person or institution for the beneficiary's benefit, including in the case of a minor, to a custodian appointed under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act as enacted by any state, each such distribution or expenditure shall be a full discharge to the Trustee for same;

(k) To lend money with adequate interest and security to any person or legal entity; to lend the assets of any trust administered under this instrument to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of such trust, whether of age or not, with or without interest, and with or without security if the Trustee shall determine that such loan would aid in carrying out the purposes of the trust;

(l) To approve, on behalf of the beneficiaries of any trust created hereunder, any application by the executor of my estate for court approval of attorneys' fees or expenses related to the administration of my estate;

(m) To take whatever action the Trustee in the Trustee's discretion shall consider best serves the interests of the trust and its beneficiaries in order to preserve the effectiveness of an existing S corporation election with respect to any stock held by the Trustee or to enable a new S corporation election to be made, including, but not limited to, the outright distribution of such stock to one or more of the beneficiaries notwithstanding any contrary provisions of this trust instrument, or the creation of one or more separate trusts for the benefit of a trust beneficiary that will qualify as a qualified Subchapter S Trust under I.R.C. §1361(d) on terms similar to those contained in this instrument and the allocation of such stock to such trust or trusts (provided, however, that such actions shall be permissible only when at least one of the Trustees then serving is a disinterested Trustee, and such power shall be exercisable exclusively by such disinterested Trustee or Trustees);

(n) To decline to make a distribution of trust assets to a beneficiary who has reached the age at which such distribution is required under this instrument, if the Trustee shall determine that a beneficiary is incapacitated physically or mentally to such an extent as will make it impractical for such beneficiary to give prompt and intelligent attention to

business matters. Upon making such a determination, the Trustee may administer such trust assets in either of the following ways, as the Trustee shall consider appropriate:

(1) By continuing the trust for the beneficiary beyond the age of distribution stated in this instrument and administering the assets as if the beneficiary had not reached such age, until such time as the Trustee shall determine it appropriate to distribute the trust assets, or until the beneficiary dies, in which event the remaining trust assets shall be distributed to the beneficiary or, if the beneficiary has died, to the person or persons entitled to receive it under the terms of the trust applicable if the beneficiary dies prior to the trust termination.

(2) By retaining the assets otherwise distributable in a separate trust for the beneficiary (if one is not already in existence for such beneficiary). While the trust is in existence, income and principal may be paid to the beneficiary at such times and in such amounts as the Trustee in the Trustee's discretion shall determine to be appropriate in accordance with the provisions set forth in Paragraph 6.05. At the beneficiary's death, any assets remaining in trust shall be distributed to the beneficiary's estate.

(o) To purchase assets from my estate or the estates of any of the beneficiaries of this trust at fair market value and upon such terms as the Trustee shall consider advisable;

(p) To accept contributions of property to this trust from any source; and to decline any contribution if the Trustee shall determine in the Trustee's sole discretion that acceptance of the contributed assets may cause any trust administered under this instrument to incur liability under any federal, state or local environmental law.

**8:00**

**TRUSTEE AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES**

8.01 Any Trustee may resign such Trustee's duties under this instrument at any time, and the resignation may be made applicable to all of the trusts served by such Trustee or may be limited to selected trusts.

8.02 If I cease to serve as Trustee for any reason, I appoint my husband, J. DAVID BRATTON, as Successor Trustee. If my husband does not serve or ceases to serve as Trustee of any trust administered under this instrument, I appoint my daughter, CHRISTINE L. BRANDEL, as Successor Trustee. If CHRISTINE does not serve or ceases to serve as Trustee of any trust administered under this instrument, I appoint my daughter, JENNIFER S. BRANDEL, as Successor Trustee. If JENNIFER (or any of such Trustee's successors) does not serve or ceases to serve as Trustee of any trust administered under this instrument, the Successor

## RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE

The undersigned was named a successor trustee in the Susan A. Bratton Trust dated June 23, 1998.

The undersigned hereby resigns as Trustee pursuant to Article 8:00 V (8.01) of the Trust. The undersigned acknowledges that Jennifer S. Brandel will serve as Trustee of the Susan A. Bratton Trust. Thus, Jennifer S. Brandel shall have all powers and authority to administer the Trust as Successor Trustee of the Susan A. Bratton Trust.

4/21/25  
Date

  
Christine L. Brandel