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STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF WINONA

DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT

**COURT FILE NO. 85-PR-
26-757**

IN RE: ESTATE OF

CAROLYN KAY GOPLEN,

a/k/a CAROLYN K.

GOPLEN, DECEDENT.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL

PROBATE OF WILL

AND APPOINTMENT

OF PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE AND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Decedent's Will dated June 25, 2024, has been filed with the Probate Registrar. The Will references a separate writing, but none was found. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed John H. Goplen, whose address is 560 E. Fourth Street, Winona, MN 55987, as Personal Representative of the estate of Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn.

Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the estate including, after thirty (30) days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-80 1) all creditors having claims against the estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Winona County Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Probate Registrar,
Tammy L. Merchlewitz,
dated June 12, 2026
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