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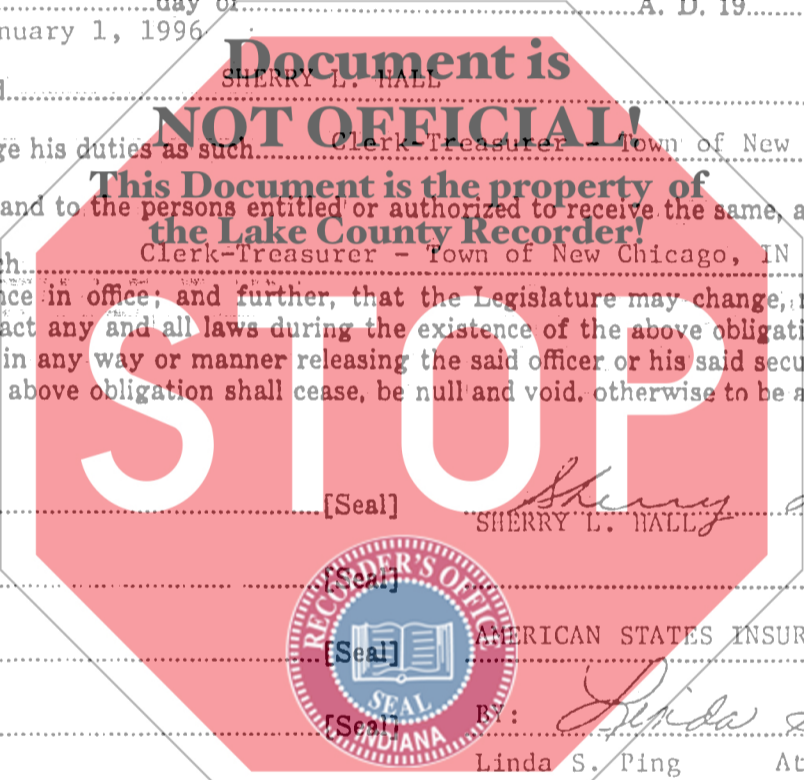
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, SHERRY L. HALL, as Principal and AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, as Surety

are held and firmly bound unto The State of Indiana, and for the benefit of persons concerned or aggrieved, in the penal sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars, to the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 20th day of December A. D. 1991. The condition of the above obligation is as follows, viz.:

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH,

WHEREAS, the above named and bounden SHERRY L. HALL has been duly elected and commissioned or appointed Clerk-Treasurer - Town of New Chicago, IN and for Lake County, in the State of Indiana, aforesaid, for the term beginning from the 1st day of January A. D. 1992 and until his successor is duly qualified January 1, 1996

Now, if the said SHERRY L. HALL shall faithfully perform and discharge his duties as such Clerk-Treasurer - Town of New Chicago, IN and pay over on demand to the persons entitled or authorized to receive the same, all moneys that may come into his hands as such Clerk-Treasurer - Town of New Chicago, IN during his continuance in office; and further, that the Legislature may change, modify or repeal any law now in force, and exact any and all laws during the existence of the above obligation at the pleasure of the Legislature, without in any way or manner releasing the said officer or his said securities on said bond; then, and in that case, the above obligation shall cease, be null and void, otherwise to be and to remain in full force and virtue in law.



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SHERRY L. HALL

Sherry L. Hall

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AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY

BY:

Linda S. Ping

Linda S. Ping

Attorney-in-fact

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Accepted and approved this day of A. D. 1991

State of Indiana, Lake County, ss:

Personally appeared before me,

Sherry L. Hall

in and for said County and State aforesaid, who being sworn, upon his oath says:

Sherry L. Hall

"I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Indiana, and I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Clerk-Treasurer to the best of my skill and ability."

Barbara R. Reed

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of December, 1991

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

STATE OF INDIANA, Lake COUNTY, SS:

Personally appeared before me, Henry L. Hall

principal upon the bond appearing on the reverse side hereof and acknowledges the execution of said bond this 31st day of November, 1991

Sharon R. Reed
Clerk, Treasurer
Official capacity

12-31-91
Expiration date of commission, if Notary Public

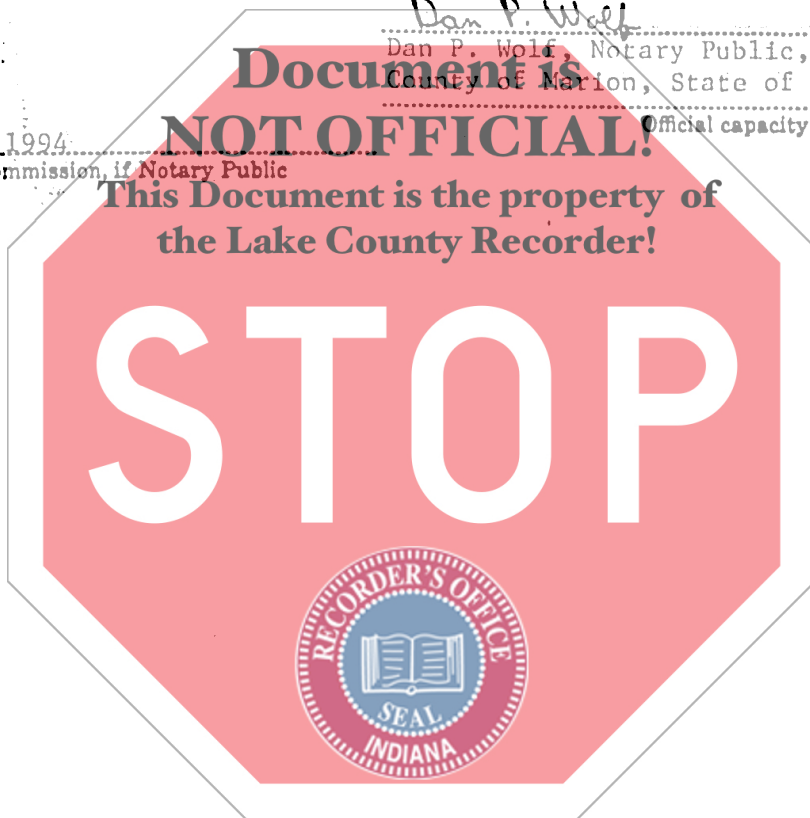
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF Indiana COUNTY OF Marion, SS:

Comes now American States Ins. Company by Linda S. Ping
its agent, surety upon the bond appearing on the reverse side hereof and acknowledges the execution of said bond this 20th day of December, 1991

Dan P. Wolf
Dan P. Wolf, Notary Public, in and for the
County of Marion, State of Indiana
Official capacity

July 16, 1994
Expiration date of commission, if Notary Public



OFFICIAL BOND

To } \$

STATE OF INDIANA

Filed in the _____ Office, _____
A. D. 19 _____

and recorded in Bond Record _____
page _____
A. D. 19 _____



American States Insurance Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that American States Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana; and having its principal office in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint _____

----- SALLY TINKLE, DOROTHY SUTPHIN, LINDA S. PING OR HELEN J. FLAKE -----

Indianapolis

Indiana

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings, provided, however,

that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$500,000.00) DOLLARS

and to bind the Corporation thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the common seal of the Corporation and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in the premises. This Power of Attorney is executed and may be revoked pursuant to and by authority granted by Section 7.07 of the By-Laws of the American States Insurance Company, which reads as follows:

"The Chairman, the President or any vice-president (including any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Second Vice President or Assistant Vice President) shall have power, by and with the concurrence with the any other officer of the Corporation, to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Corporation may require and to authorize any such person to execute, on behalf of the Corporation, any bonds, recognizances, stipulations and undertakings, whether by way of surety or otherwise."

IN-WITNESS WHEREOF, American States Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President, attested by its

Assistant Vice-President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 14th day of September

A.D. 19 90

AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Assistant Vice-President

By

[Signature]
Second Vice-President



STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF MARION } SS

On this 14th day of September, A.D., 19 90, before me personally came

Joseph F. Heim

, to me known; who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged the execution of the above instrument and did depose and say: that he is a Vice-President of American States Insurance Company; that he knows the seal of said Corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by authority of the Board of Directors of said Corporation; and that he signed his name thereto under like authority. And said

Joseph F. Heim

further said that he is acquainted with

John J. Rosich

and knows him to be the Assistant Vice-President of said Corporation; and that he executed the above instrument.

CAROLYN STRADER, NOTARY PUBLIC
MARION COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 2,5,93

[Signature]
Notary Public

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF MARION } SS

I, John J. Rosich, the Assistant Vice-President of AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, which is still in force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of Section 8.03 of the By-Laws of AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY which reads as follows:

"All policies and other instruments of insurance issued by the Corporation shall be signed on behalf of the Corporation by the Chairman, the President or any vice-president (including any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Second Vice President or Assistant Vice President) and the secretary, or an assistant secretary, or other officer, whose signatures, if the instrument is duly countersigned by an authorized representative of the Corporation, may be facsimiles. Such signatures and facsimiles thereof shall be authorized and binding upon the Corporation notwithstanding the fact that any such officer shall have ceased to be such officer at the time such policy or other instrument of insurance shall have been actually issued by the Corporation."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Corporation, this 20th day of December

A.D., 19 91



WARNING: THIS IS NOT A VALID POWER OF ATTORNEY IF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT APPEAR IN RED INK AND IF THE RED DIAGONAL IMPRINT AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY IS NOT PRESENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.



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