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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Frances Dupey of Crown Point, IN., as Principal, and WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, of Hamilton, Ohio a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called the Surety) are held and firmly bond unto THE STATE OF INDIANA in the aggregate and non cumulative penal sum of ~~Fifteen-Thousand-and-no/100~~.....(\$15,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED this 3rd day of January, 1997

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATIONS IS SUCH, That, Whereas, the said Principal has been elected or appointed to (or holds by operation of law) the office of Lake County Commissioner for a term of one year beginning on December 31, 1997 and ending on December 31, 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE, If said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform all official duties required by law of such official during the term aforesaid, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

THE BOND is executed by the Surety upon the following express conditions:

First: That the Surety may, if it shall so elect, cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days in writing to Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307 and this bond shall be deemed cancelled at the expiration of thirty (30) days; the Surety remaining liable, however, subject to all the terms, conditions and provisions of this bond, for any act or acts covered by this bond which have been committed by the Principal up to the date of such cancellation; and the Surety shall, upon surrender of this bond and its release from all liability hereunder, refund the premium paid, less a pro rata part thereof for the time this bond shall have been in force.

Second: That the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for the loss of any public moneys or funds occurring through or resulting from the failure of, or default in payment by, any banks or depositories in which any public moneys or funds have been deposited, or may be deposited, or placed to the credit, or under the control of the Principal, whether or not such banks or depositories were or may be selected or designated by the Principal or by other persons; or by reason of the allowance to, or acceptance by the Principal of any interest on said public moneys or funds, any law, decision, ordinance or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Third: That the Surety shall not be liable for any loss or losse* resulting from the failure of the Principal to collect any taxes, licenses, levies, assessments, etc., with the collection of which he may be chargeable by reason of his election or appointment as aforesaid.

APPROVED:

x Frances Dupey
Frances Dupey

Anna Anton
Anna Anton, Clerk

WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
By: Paula Sue Christ
Paula Sue Christ, Attorney-in-fact

12-5-97

OATH OF OFFICE

Date
State of Indiana
County of Lake

I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will discharge the duties of my office of with fidelity; that I have not paid or contributed, or promised to pay or contribute, either directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing to procure my nomination or election (or appointment), except for necessary and proper expenses expressly authorized by law; that I have not knowingly violated any election law of this State, or procured it to be done by others in my behalf; that I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing for the performance or non-performance of any act or duty pertaining to my office than the compensation allowed by law. So help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of November, A.D. 1997
Sandra Radoja

SANDRA RADOJA
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF INDIANA
LAKE COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXP. OCT. 6, 1998

Me

CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, HAMILTON, OHIO

No. 2-121

Know All Men by These Presents: That WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws of said Company, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint: **Paula Sue Christ or Denise M. Worley of Indianapolis, Indiana** its true and lawful agent and attorney (s)-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all BONDS, UNDERTAKINGS, and RECOGNIZANCES, not exceeding in any single instance ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS, excluding, however, any bond (s) or undertaking (s) guaranteeing the payment of notes and interest thereon

And the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its office in Hamilton, Ohio, in their own proper persons.

The authority granted hereunder supersedes any previous authority heretofore granted the above named attorney (s)-in-fact.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned officer of the said The West American Insurance Company has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the Corporate Seal of the said The West American Insurance Company this 1st day of October, 1996.

Mark E. Schmidt, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF OHIO :SS
COUNTY OF BUTLER

On this 1st day of October A.D., 1996 before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Ohio, in and for the County of Butler, duly commissioned and qualified, came Mark E. Schmidt, Asst. Secretary of WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn deposed and saith, that he is the officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Hamilton, State of Ohio the day and year first above written.



Notary Public in and for County of Butler, State of Ohio
My Commission expires August 5, 1997.

This power of attorney is granted under and by authority of Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Company, extracts from which read:

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT OFFICERS. The Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice President, a Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power of and authority to appoint attorneys in fact for the purpose of signing the name of the corporation as surety or guarantor, and to execute, attach the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings or other instruments of surety-ship or guarantee, and policies of insurance to be given in favor of an individual, firm, corporation, or the official representative thereof, or to any county or state, or any official board or boards of any county or state, or the United States of America, or to any other political subdivision.

This instrument is signed and sealed by facsimile as authorized by the following Resolution adopted by the directors of the Company on April 24, 1980.

RESOLVED, That the signature of any officer of the Company authorized by Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws to appoint attorneys in fact, the signature of the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary certifying to the correctness of any copy of a power of attorney and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or copy thereof issued on behalf of the Company. Such signatures and seal are hereby adopted by the Company as original signatures and seal, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of West American Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney, Article VI Section 1 of the by-laws of the Company and the above Resolution of its Board of Directors are true and correct copies and are in full force and effect on this date.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Company this 30th day of Sept. A.D., 19 99

Assistant Secretary