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MORRIS W. CARTER
RECORDER

BOND 3-473-795-12

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we Margaret Katona of, Crown Point, IN, as Principal, and THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, of Hamilton, Ohio, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, as Surety, are held and firmly bond unto State of Indiana in the aggregate and non-cumulative penal sum of Three Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$300,000.00) 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 AND SEALED this 29th day of December, 1999

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That Whereas, the said Principal has been elected or appointed to (or holds by operation of law) the office of Lake County Treasurer for a term four (4) years beginning on 12/31/98 and ending on 12/31/02

NOW, THEREFORE, If the Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform all official duties required by law of such official during the term aforesaid, the Principal and the Surety hereby agreeing that if said bond is required by any statute, all the provisions of such statute are hereby made a part of this bond, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Acceptance of this bond automatically cancels the previous bond #3-464-836-12 written on behalf of Irene Holinga.

Margaret Katona

By: *Margaret Katona*

THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By: *Murray S. Weber*

Murray S. Weber, Attorney-in-fact

The within bond and the surety thereon are hereby approved this 4th day of

January 2000

Lynne McCrea
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OATH OF OFFICE

State of Indiana
County of Lake

I, Margaret Katona, 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 Treasurer of Lake County 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 4th day of January, A.D. 2000
Margaret Katona
Lynne M. Cretz



CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

No. 33-969

Know All Men by These Presents: That THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, an Ohio Corporation, and WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, an Indiana Corporation, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 7 of the By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and Article VI, Section 1 of West American Insurance Company, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint: **Murray S. Weber or Toni M. Weber of Highland, Indiana** its true and lawful agent (s) 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 **FOUR MILLION (\$4,000,000.00) 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 Companies, 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 Companies at their administrative offices 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 Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and West American Insurance Company has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the Corporate Seal of each Company this **15th day of April, 1999**.



STATE OF OHIO,
COUNTY OF BUTLER

On this **15th day of April, 1999** before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Ohio, in and for the County of Butler, duly commissioned and qualified, came **Sam Lawrence, Assistant Vice President of THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY and 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 Companies aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and the said Corporate Seals and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

Sam Lawrence

Sam Lawrence, Assistant Vice President

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.



Barbara Hoffman

Notary Public in and for County of Butler, State of Ohio
My Commission expires **September 25, 2002**.

This power of attorney is granted under and by authority of Article VI, Section 7 of the By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and Article VI, Section I of West American Insurance Company, extracts from which read:

Article VI, Section 7. APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS-IN-FACT, ETC. "The chairman of the board, the president, any vice-president, the secretary or any assistant secretary of each of these Companies shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint attorneys-in-fact for the purpose of signing the name of the Companies as surety to, and to execute, attach the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings or other instruments of suretyship and policies of insurance to be given in favor of any individual, firm, corporation, or the official representative thereof, or to any county or state, or any official board or boards of county or state, or the United States of America, or to any other political subdivision."

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 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 respective directors of the Companies (adopted May 27, 1970-The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company; adopted April 24, 1980-West American Insurance Company):

"RESOLVED that the signature of any officer of the Company authorized by 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 Vice President of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and West American Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney, the referenced By-Laws of the Companies and the above Resolution of their Boards of Directors are true and correct copies and are in full force and effect on this date **1999**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seals of the Companies this **29th** day of **December**



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Mad E. Schmidt

Assistant Vice President

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