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 Peerless Insurance Company 2000 018474  
 The Netherlands Insurance Company

STATE OF INDIANA  
LAKE COUNTY  
FILED FOR PEERLESS INSURANCE  
Member Liberty Mutual Group  
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**BOND OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, KENNETH BALON  
of 3333 RIDGE ROAD HIGHLAND IN 46322 as Principal  
and PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY, a New Hampshire Corporation, and  
having its principal office in the City of Keene, New Hampshire, as Surety, and licensed to do business in the State of  
INDIANA with offices at INDIANAPOLIS

as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto THE STATE OF INDIANA  
in the sum of EIGHT-THOUSAND-FIVE-HUNDRED-AND-NO/100 Dollars,  
lawful money of the United States of America, 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.

SEALED WITH OUR SEALS and dated this 28TH day of FEBRUARY, 2000

Whereas, the above bounden KENNETH BALON  
was on the 14TH day of FEBRUARY, 2000 duly appointed or  
elected SECRETARY OF POLICE PENSION FUND STATE OF INDIANA  
for a term beginning on the 1ST DAY OF JANUARY 2000 AND ENDING JANUARY 1 2001

Now, Therefore, the condition of this obligation is such:  
that if the above bounden KENNETH BALON  
shall well and faithfully discharge the duties of his office and promptly account for and pay over all moneys or property  
received by him as such officer, in accordance with law, or in default thereof, the parties executing this undertaking will  
pay all damages, costs and expenses resulting from such default, not exceeding the sum above mentioned, then this  
obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This undertaking may not be changed or modified orally. No change or modification shall be effective unless made by  
written endorsement issued to form a part hereof.

In Witness Whereof, said principal has hereunto set his hand and seal and PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY  
has affixed its corporate seal, attested by the signature of its  
duly authorized Attorney-in-Fact, the day and year first above written.

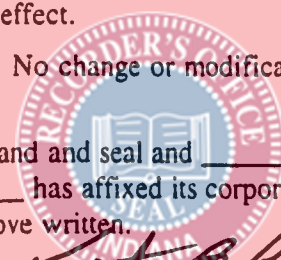
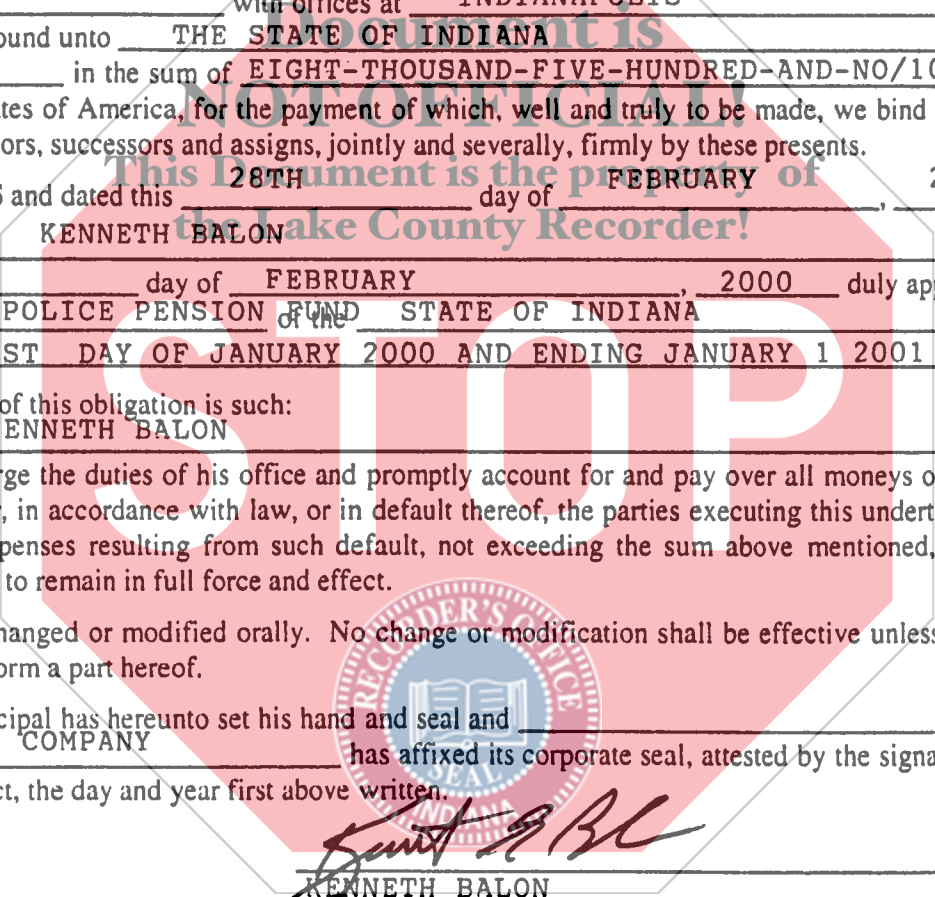
[Signature] (L.S.)  
KENNETH BALON  
PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY Surety

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF LAKE SS.  
CITY OF HIGHLAND

By: [Signature]  
Attorney-In-Fact  
THOMAS F. HORGASH

On this 28TH day of FEBRUARY, 2000, before me personally appeared  
KENNETH BALON, to me known and known to me to be the individual  
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

[Signature] Notary Public  
County



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E.P.

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**PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY  
THE NETHERLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY**

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62 MAPLE AVENUE KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 03431

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That Peerless Insurance Company and/or The Netherlands Insurance Company, each being a New Hampshire Corporation having its principal office in the City of Keene, County of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire do/does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

\*\*\*\*Thomas F. Horgash\*\*\*\*

of Highland in the State of Indiana their/its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in their/its name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in their/its behalf, and as their/its act and deed, without power of redelegation, as follows:

bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof; unlimited as to Dollar Amount:

and to bind the Company(ies) making this appointment thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the Company(ies), and all the acts of said attorney(s), pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAKING APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS-IN-FACT**

Section 7 of Article 3 of Bylaws of Peerless Insurance Company, as amended May 30, 1997, states: "The Senior Vice President(s) and Vice Presidents(s) of the Company's Bond Profit Center may appoint and remove Attorneys-in-Fact and assign to them and revoke as appropriate such duties, powers and authority as may be advantageous to the Company including the execution and attestation of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof and other documents on behalf of the Company with power to redelegate such authority."

Section 9 of Article 5 of Bylaws of The Netherlands Insurance Company, as amended May 30, 1997 and June 16, 1997, states: "The Senior Vice President(s) and Vice President(s) of the Company's Bond Profit Center may appoint and remove Attorneys-in-Fact, and assign to them and revoke as appropriate such duties, powers and authority as may be advantageous to the Company including the execution and attestation of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof and other documents on behalf of the Company with power to redelegate such authority."

**USE OF FACSIMILE SIGNATURES**

Use of facsimile signatures by Peerless Insurance Company is made pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of Peerless Insurance Company, dated April 28, 1988. Use of facsimile signatures by The Netherlands Insurance Company is made pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of The Netherlands Insurance Company, dated April 28, 1988.

**COMPANY MAKING APPOINTMENT**

The company making this appointment is identified by an "X" in the box opposite its name in the space provided below. It is the intent of Peerless Insurance Company and The Netherlands Insurance Company to use this instrument for the appointment of Attorney(s)-in-Fact for either Company designated, or for both Companies, if so indicated. In Witness Whereof

**PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY**       **THE NETHERLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY**  
has/have caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President, and its Corporate Seal to be hereto affixed by its Assistant Secretary, this 12th day of January, 2000.

**PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY**

**THE NETHERLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY**

By: Matthew Klimczak  
Vice President

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Vice President

Attest: Jane F. Taylor  
Assistant Secretary

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Assistant Secretary



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF CHESHIRE**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12th day of January, 2000, by Matthew Klimczak, Vice President of the Bond Profit Center of Peerless Insurance Company and of The Netherlands Insurance Company and Jane F. Taylor, Assistant Secretary of Peerless Insurance Company and The Netherlands Insurance Company, New Hampshire Corporations, on behalf of the corporations.

My commission expires

Rhonda E. Jardene

Notary Public



I, Jane F. Taylor, Assistant Secretary of Peerless Insurance Company and The Netherlands Insurance Company do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Power of Attorney executed by the Company(ies) designated above which is still in force and effect. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal(s) of the Company(ies), at Keene, New Hampshire, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.



Jane F. Taylor  
Jane F. Taylor  
Assistant Secretary



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