

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we,

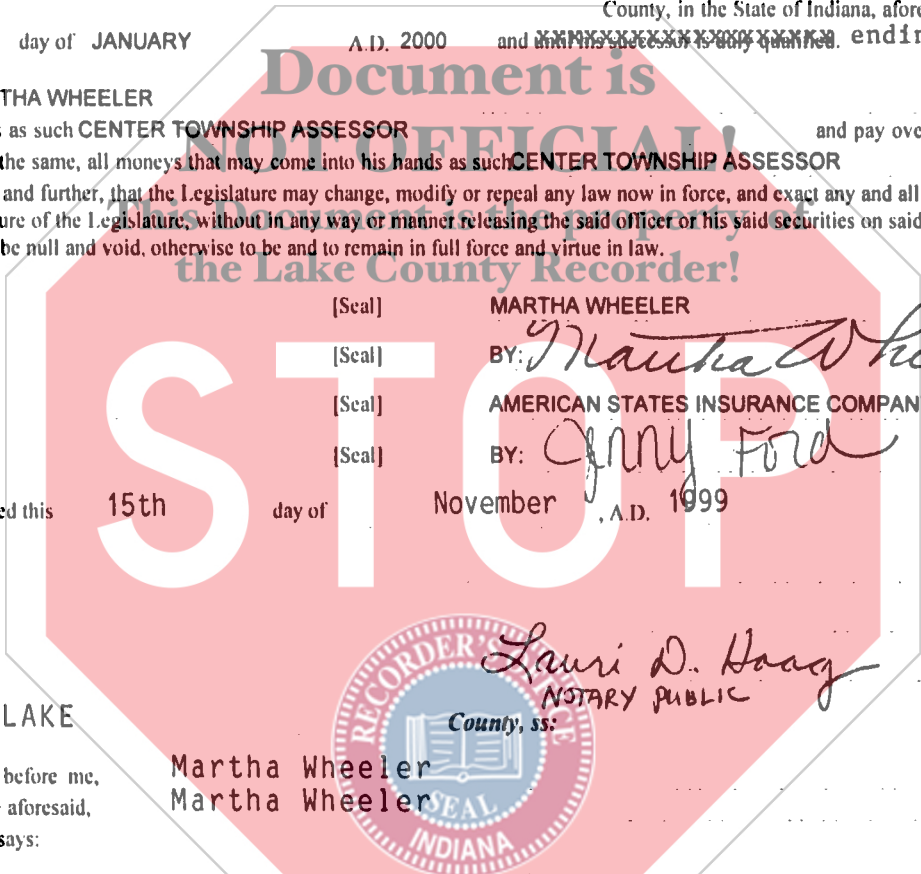
MARTHA WHEELER  
CROWN POINT, IN AS PRINCIPAL AND  
AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY INDPLS, IN AS SURETY

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 15TH day of NOVEMBER A.D. 1999 . The condition of the above obligation is as follows, viz.:

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH,

WHIREAS, the above named and bounden MARTHA WHEELER has been duly elected and commissioned or appointed CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR in and for LAKE County, in the State of Indiana, aforesaid, for the term beginning from the 1ST day of JANUARY A.D. 2000 and ending January 1, 2001

Now, if the said MARTHA WHEELER shall faithfully perform and discharge his duties as such CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR and pay over the demand to the persons entitled or authorized to receive the same, all moneys that may come into his hands as such CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR 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 the case, the above obligation shall cease, be null and void, otherwise to be and to remain in full force and virtue in law.



[Seal] MARTHA WHEELER [Seal]  
[Seal] BY: *Martha Wheeler* [Seal]  
[Seal] AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY [Seal]  
[Seal] BY: *Genny Ford* [Seal]

Accepted and approved this 15th day of November, A.D. 1999

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State of Indiana, LAKE  
Personally appeared before me,  
in and for said County and State aforesaid,  
who being sworn, upon his oath says:

Martha Wheeler  
Martha Wheeler

*Lauri D. Haag*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
County, ss: LAKE

"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 Center Township Assessor to the best of my skill and ability."

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of November 1999

*Martha Wheeler*  
*Lauri D. Haag*  
my comm. expires: 11/18/01  
FRIS W. CARTER  
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STATE OF INDIANA  
LAKE COUNTY  
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE  
*Frances DuPuy*  
*Genny Schenk*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

STATE OF INDIANA, LAKE COUNTY, SS:

Personally appeared before me, Martha Wheeler  
on the reverse side hereof and acknowledges the execution of said bond this,

15th day of November, 1999  
*Martha Wheeler*

Martha Wheeler, Center Twp. Assr.  
Official capacity

July 18, 2001 *Lauri D. Hoag*  
Expiration date of commission, if Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

Comes now AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE CO by JENNY FORD, its agent, surety upon the bond  
appearing on the reverse side hereof and acknowledges the execution of said bond this 15TH day of NOVEMBER, 1999

*Shelby L. Davis*  
SHELBY L DAVIS  
Official capacity

September 7 2007  
Expiration date of commission, if Notary Public



OFFICIAL BOND

To } \$

STATE OF INDIANA

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and recorded in Bond Record

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206

No. 10288

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, a Indiana corporation, does hereby appoint

.....JENNY FORD.....

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued by the company in the course of its business, and to bind AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY thereby as fully as if such instruments had been duly executed by its regularly elected officers at its home office, in amounts or penalties not exceeding the sum of:

Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100

DOLLARS (\$ 250,000.00

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY has executed and attested these presents

This Document is the property of  
this 6th day of January 1999  
the Lake County Recorder!

*R.A. Pierson*

R.A. PIERSON, SECRETARY

*W. Randall Stoddard*

W. RANDALL STODDARD, PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY:

"Article 8, Section 8.1 1. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS . . . the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the corporation fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the corporation in the course of its business . . . On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the corporation, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

I, R. A. Pierson, Secretary of AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws of this corporation, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1999



*R.A. Pierson*

R.A. PIERSON, SECRETARY