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TAX DEED

MICHAEL A. BROWN RECORDER

WHEREAS RICHARD HELTON did the 30th day of January, 2005 produce to the undersigned, STEPHEN R. STIGLICH Auditor of the County of Lake in the State of Indiana, a certificate of sale dated the 20Th day of September, 2002, signed by PETER BENJAMIN who, at the date of sale, was Auditor of the County, from which it appears that RICHARD HELTON on the 20Th day of September, 2002, purchased at public auction, held pursuant to law, the real property described in this indenture for the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and 22/100 (\$274.22) being the amount due on the following tracts of land returned delinquent in the name Gregory L Legg for 2001 and prior years, namely:

26-36-0143-0020

COMMON ADDRESS: 5957 BIRCH AVE. HAMMOND, IN. 46320

STANDARD ADD.LOT.20

Such real property has been recorded in the Office of the Lake County Auditor as delinquent for the nonpayment of taxes and proper notice of the sale has been given. It appearing that RICHARD HELTON the owner of the certificate of sale, that the time for redeeming such real property has expired, that the property has not been redeemed, that RICHARD HELTON demanded a deed for the real property described in the certificate of sale, that the records of the Lake County Auditor's Office state that the real property was legally liable for taxation, and the real property has been duly assessed and properly charged on the duplicate with the taxes and special assessments for 2001 and prior years.

THEREFORE, this indenture, made this 30th day of January, 2005 between the State of Indiana by STEPHEN R. STIGLICH Auditor of Lake County, of the first part, and RICHARD HELTON of the second part, witnesseth; That the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the premises, has granted and bargained and sold to the party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, the real property described in the certificate of sale, situated in the County of Lake, and State of Indiana, namely and more particularly described as follows:

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to have and to hold such real property, with the appurtenances belonging thereto, in as full and ample a manner as the Auditor of said County is empowered by law to convey the same.

In testimony whereof, STEPHEN R. STIGLICH, Auditor of Lake County, has hereunto set his/her hand, and affixed the seal of the Board of County Commissioners, the day and year last above mentioned.

Attest: PEGGY ALATONA

Treasurer: Lake County

State OF INDIANA

County OF Lake

Witness: (L.S.)

SS.

Before me, the undersigned, THOMAS R. PHILPOT, in and for said County, this day, personally came the above named STEPHEN R. STIGLICH, Auditor of said County, and acknowledged that he/she signed and sealed the foregoing deed for the users and purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3 day of

THOMAS R. PHILPOT Clerk of Lake County

This instrument prepared by

STEPHEN R. STIGLICH, Auditor

Post Office address of grantee:

RICHARD HELTON 14033 W 132 PL. CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303 DULY ENTERED FOR TAXATION SUBJECT TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR TRANSFER

FEB 15 2006

PEGGY HOLINGA KATONA LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

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County form 170

Declaration

This form is to be signed by the preparer of a document and recorded with each document in accordance with IC 36-2-7.5-5(a).

I, the undersigned preparer of the attached document, in accordance with IC 36-2-7.5, do herby affirm under the penalties of perjury:

- 1. I have reviewed the attached document for the purpose of identifying and, to the extent permitted by law, redacting all Social Security number in attached document.
- 2. I have redacted, to the extent permitted by law, each Social Security number in the attached document.

I, undersigned, affirm under the penalties of perjury, that the foregoing declarations are true.

Signature of Declarant

Printed Name of Declarant