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This Instrument was prepared by:

**SANDY DAILEY**  
(Name)

**Citibank**  
**P.O. Box 790017, MS 221**  
**St. Louis, MO 63179**  
(Address)

**MORTGAGE**

MIN: **100011507713053790**

THIS MORTGAGE is made this **11/15/2006**, between the Mortgagor(s), **ROBERT E GRIFFITH AND CYNTHIA S GRIFFITH, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, Citibank, N.A., a national banking association, whose home address is 3900 Paradise Road, Suite 127, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 (herein "Lender"), and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware whose address and telephone number is P.O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026, tel. (888) 679-MERS (herein "Mortgagee"). Mortgagee is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. "Borrower" means the individual(s) who has(ve) signed the Fixed Rate Home Equity Loan Note (the "Note") of even date herewith and in connection with this Mortgage.

WHEREAS, Borrower is indebted to Lender in the principal sum of U.S. **\$113,000.00**, which indebtedness is evidenced by Borrower's note dated **11/15/2006** and extensions and renewals thereof (herein "Note"), providing for monthly installments of principal and interest, with the balance of indebtedness, if not sooner paid, due and payable on **11/20/2036**;

TO SECURE to Lender the repayment of the indebtedness evidenced by the Note, with interest thereon; the payment of all other sums, with interest thereon, advanced in accordance herewith to protect the security of this Mortgage; and the performance of the covenants and agreements of Borrower herein contained, Borrower does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender the following described property located in the County of **LAKE**, State of **Indiana**:

**SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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which has the address of 6625 MADISON AVENUE, HAMMOND, IN 46324 (herein, "Property Address");

TOGETHER with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, an all easements, rights, appurtenances and rents all of which shall be deemed to be and remain a part of the property by this Mortgage; and all of the foregoing, together with said property (or the leasehold estate if this Mortgage is on a leasehold) are hereinafter referred to as the "Property". Mortgagor understands and agrees that Mortgagee holds only legal title to the interests granted by Mortgagor in this Mortgage, but, if necessary to comply with law or custom, Mortgagee (as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns) has the right to exercise any or all of those interests, including, but not limited to, the right to foreclose and sell the Property; and to take any action required of Lender including, but not limited to, releasing and canceling this Mortgage.

Borrower covenants that Borrower is lawfully seized of the estate hereby conveyed and has the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property, and that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances of record. Borrower covenants that Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to encumbrances of record.

**UNIFORM COVENANTS.**

Borrower and Lender covenant and agree as follows:

1. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. Borrower shall promptly pay when due the principal and interest indebtedness evidenced by the Note and late charges as provided in the Note.

2. APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS. Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender shall be applied by Lender in any order it chooses.

3. PRIOR MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST; CHARGES; LIENS. Borrower shall perform all of Borrower's obligations under any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage, including Borrower's covenants to make payments when due. Borrower shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes, assessments and other charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain a priority over this Mortgage, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any.

4. HAZARD INSURANCE. Borrower shall keep the improvement now existing or hereafter erected on the Property insured against loss by fire, hazards included within the term "extended coverage," and such other hazard as Lender may require and in such amounts and for such periods as Lender may require.

The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Borrower subject to approval by Lender; provided, that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. All insurance policies and renewals thereof shall be in a form acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard mortgage clause in favor of and in a form acceptable to Lender. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals thereof, subject to the terms of any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage.

In the event of loss, Borrower shall give prompt notice to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Borrower.

If Property is abandoned by Borrower, or if Borrower fails to respond to Lender within 30 days from the date notice is mailed by Lender to Borrower that the insurance carrier offers to settle a claim for insurance benefits, Lender is authorized to collect and apply the insurance proceeds at Lender's option either to restoration or repair of the Property or to the sums secured by this Mortgage.

5. PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY: LEASEHOLDS; CONDOMINIUMS; PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS. Borrower shall keep the Property in good repair and shall not commit waste or permit impairment or deterioration of the Property and shall comply with the provisions of any lease if this Mortgage is on a leasehold. If this Mortgage is on a unit in a condominium or a planned unit development, Borrower shall perform all of

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Borrower's obligations under the declaration or covenants creating or governing the condominium or planned unit development, the by-laws and regulations of the condominium or planned unit development, and constituent documents.

**6. PROTECTION OF LENDER'S SECURITY.** If Borrower fails to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage, or if any action or proceeding is commenced which materially affects Lender's interest in the Property, then Lender, at Lender's option, upon notice to Borrower, may make such appearances, disburse such sums, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and take such action as is necessary to protect Lender's interest. If Lender required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan secured by this Mortgage, Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain such insurance in effect until such time as the requirement for such insurance terminates in accordance with Borrower's and Lender's written agreement or applicable law.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender pursuant to this paragraph 6, with interest thereon, at the Note rate, shall become additional indebtedness of Borrower secured by this Mortgage. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, such amounts shall be payable upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment thereof. Nothing contained in this paragraph 6 shall require Lender to incur any expense or take any action hereunder.

**7. INSPECTION.** Lender may make or cause to be made reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property, provided that Lender shall give Borrower notice prior to any such inspection specifying reasonable cause therefor related to Lender's interest in the Property.

**8. CONDEMNATION.** The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of the property, or part thereof, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender, subject to the terms of any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage.

~~**9. BORROWER NOT RELEASED; FORBEARANCE BY LENDER NOT A WAIVER.** Extension of the time for payment or modification of amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage granted by Lender to any successor in interest of Borrower shall not operate to release, in any manner, the liability of the original Borrower and Borrower's successors in interest. Lender shall not be required to commence proceedings against such successor or refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage by reason of any demand made by the original Borrower and Borrower's successors in interest. Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise afforded by applicable law, shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any such right or remedy.~~

**10. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS BOUND; JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY; CO-SIGNERS.** The covenants and agreements herein contained shall bind, and the rights hereunder shall inure to, the respective successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 15 hereof. All covenants and agreements of Borrower shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Mortgage, but does not execute the Note, (a) is co-signing this Mortgage only to Mortgage, grant and convey that Borrower's interest in the Property to Lender under the terms of this Mortgage, (b) is not personally liable on the Note or under this Mortgage, and (c) agrees that Lender and any other Borrower hereunder may agree to extend, modify, forbear, or make any other accommodations with regard to the terms of this Mortgage or the Note without that Borrower's consent and without releasing that Borrower or modifying this Mortgage as to that Borrower's interest in the Property.

**11. NOTICE.** Except for any notice required under applicable law to be given in another manner, (a) any notice to Borrower provided for in this Mortgage shall be given by delivering it or by mailing such notice by certified mail addressed to Borrower at the Property Address or at such other address as Borrower may designate by notice to Lender as provided herein, and (b) any notice to Lender shall be given by certified mail to Lender's address stated herein or to

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such other address as Lender may designate by notice to Borrower as provided herein. Any notice provided for in this Mortgage shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given in the manner designated herein.

**12. GOVERNING LAW; SEVERABILITY.** The Mortgage will be governed by United States federal law and, to the extent the United States federal law is inapplicable, then by the laws of the State of Nevada; except that, with regard to the perfection and enforcement of Citibank's security interest in the Property, the Mortgage will be governed by the law of the state where the Property is located.

**13. BORROWER'S COPY.** Borrower shall be furnished a conformed copy of the Note and of this Mortgage at the time of execution or after recordation hereof.

**14. REHABILITATION LOAN AGREEMENT.** Borrower shall fulfill all of Borrower's obligations under any home rehabilitation, improvement, repair, or other loan agreement which Borrower enters into with Lender. Lender, at Lender's option, may require Borrower to execute and deliver to Lender, in a form acceptable to Lender, an assignment of any rights, claims or defenses which Borrower may have against parties who supply labor, materials or services in connection with improvements made to the Property.

**15. DUE ON TRANSFER PROVISION - TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY.** If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred (or if a beneficial interest in Borrower is sold or transferred and Borrower is not a natural person) without Lender's prior written consent, Lender may, at Lender's option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage. However, Lender shall not exercise this option if the exercise is prohibited by applicable law as of the date of this Mortgage. If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall give Borrower notice of acceleration. The notice shall provide a period of not less than 30 days from the date the notice is delivered or mailed within which all sums secured by this Mortgage must be paid. If these sums are not paid prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any remedies permitted by this Mortgage without further notice or demand on Borrower.

**NON-UNIFORM COVENANTS.** Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

**16. ACCELERATION: REMEDIES.** Except as provided in paragraph 15 hereof, upon Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement of Borrower in this mortgage, including the covenants to pay when due any sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender prior to acceleration shall give notice to Borrower as provided in paragraph 11 hereof specifying: (1) the breach; (2) the action required to cure such breach; (3) a date, not less than 10 days from the date the notice is mailed to Borrower, by which such breach must be cured; and (4) that failure to cure such breach on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage, foreclosure by judicial proceeding, and sale of the Property. The notice shall further inform Borrower of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to assert in the foreclosure proceeding the nonexistence of a default or any other defense of Borrower to acceleration and foreclosure. If the breach is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, Lender, at Lender's option, may declare all of the sums secured by this Mortgage to be immediately due and payable without further demand and may foreclose this Mortgage by judicial proceeding. Lender shall be entitled to collect in such proceeding all expenses of foreclosure, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of documentary evidence, abstracts and title reports.

**17. BORROWER'S RIGHT TO REINSTATE.** Notwithstanding Lender's acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage due to Borrower's breach, Borrower shall have the right to have any proceedings begun by Lender to enforce this Mortgage discontinued at any time prior to entry of a judgment enforcing this Mortgage if: (a) Borrower pays Lender all sums which would be then due under this Mortgage and the Note had no acceleration occurred; (b) Borrower cures all breaches of any other covenants or agreements of Borrower contained in this Mortgage; (c) Borrower pays all reasonable expenses incurred by Lender in enforcing the covenants and agreements of Borrower



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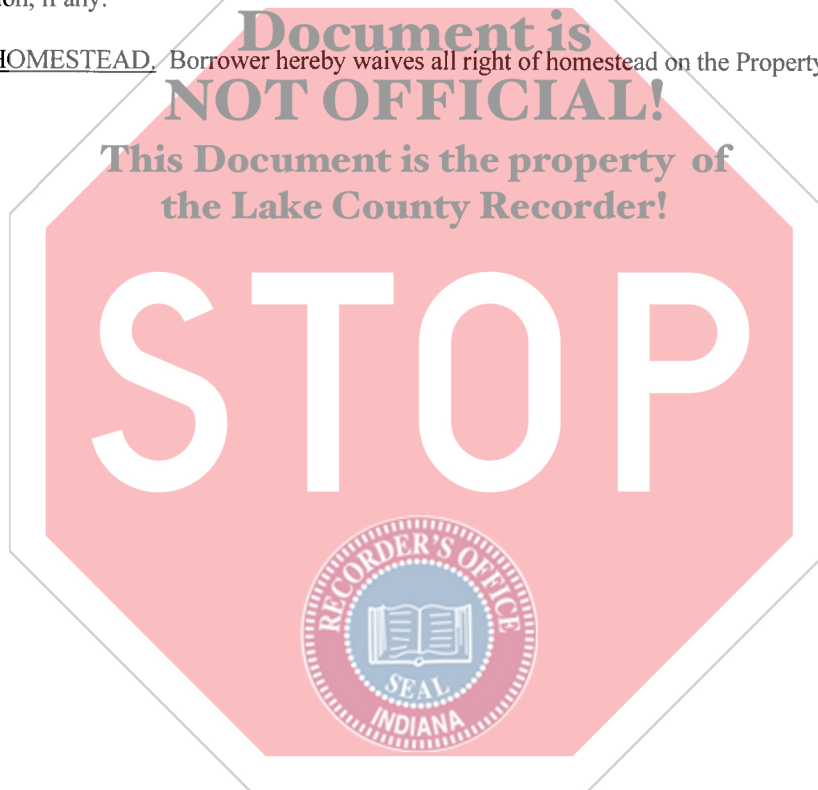
contained in this Mortgage, and in enforcing Lender's remedies as provided in paragraph 16 hereof, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fee; and (d) Borrower takes such action as Lender may reasonably require to assure that the lien of this Mortgage, Lender's interest in the Property and Borrower's obligation to pay the sums secured by this Mortgage shall continue unimpaired. Upon such payment and cure by Borrower, this Mortgage and the obligations secured hereby shall remain in full force and effect as if no acceleration occurred.

**18. ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS; APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER.** As additional security hereunder, Borrower hereby assigns to Lender the rents of the Property, provided that Borrower shall, prior to acceleration under paragraph 16 hereof or abandonment of the Property, have the right to collect and retain such rents as they become due and payable.

Upon acceleration under paragraph 16 hereof or abandonment of the Property, Lender shall be entitled to have a receiver appointed by a court to enter upon, take possession of and manage the Property and to collect the rents of the Property including those past due. All rents collected by the receiver shall be applied first to payment of the costs of management of the Property and collection of rents, including, but not limited to, receiver's fees, premiums on receiver's bonds and reasonable attorneys' fees, and then to the sums secured by this Mortgage. The receiver shall be liable to account only for those rents actually received.

**19. RELEASE.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage and all fees due Lender, Lender shall release this Mortgage to Borrower. Lender may charge a fee for preparation of any statement of obligation and for preparing release documentation up to the maximum allowed by Federal or Indiana law, whichever is greater. Borrower shall pay all costs of recordation, if any.

**20. WAIVER OF HOMESTEAD.** Borrower hereby waives all right of homestead on the Property as it may affect this mortgage.



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**REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF DEFAULT  
AND FORECLOSURE UNDER SUPERIOR  
MORTGAGES OR DEEDS OF TRUST**

Borrower and Lender request the holder of any mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage to give Notice to Lender, at Lender's address set forth on page one of this Mortgage, of any default under the superior encumbrance and of any sale or other foreclosure action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower has executed this Mortgage.

Robert E. Griffith 11/15/2006  
Mortgagor: **ROBERT E. GRIFFITH**  
 Married     Unmarried

Cynthia S. Griffith 11/15/2006  
Mortgagor: **CYNTHIA S. GRIFFITH**  
 Married     Unmarried

Mortgagor:  
 Married     Unmarried

Mortgagor:  
 Married     Unmarried

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Unofficial Witness SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

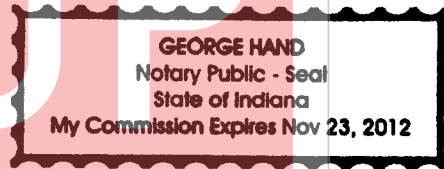
Unofficial Witness SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF INDIANA, County of LAKE, ss.:

On this 11/15/2006, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared **ROBERT E. GRIFFITH and CYNTHIA S. GRIFFITH**, and acknowledged the execution of the annexed instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires: 11/23/2012  
George Hand  
Notary Public



(Space Below This Line Reserved for Lender and Recorder)

This instrument was prepared by: **SANDY DAILEY**  
I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law **SANDY DAILEY**

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**Legal Description**

The following described real estate in Lake County in the State of Indiana:

Lots 44 and 45 in Block 7, Madison Terrace, in the City of Hammond, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 8, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

