EMC Insurance Companies

P.O. Box 712 • Des Moines, Iowa 50303

No. 361210

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that:

- Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
- EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
- Union Insurance Company of Providence, a Rhode Island Company
- Illinois EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Illinois Corporation
- 5. Dakota Fire Insurance Company, a North Dakota Corporation
- 6. American Liberty Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
- The Hamilton Mutual Insurance Company, an Ohio Corporation

hereinafter referred to severally as "Company" and collectively as "Companies", each does, by these presents, make, constitute and appoint:

HUDSON CLAYTON BUSH, LIZZIE H. HEMBREE, DAVID J. POUNDSTONE, INDIVIDUALLY, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority conferred to sign, seal, and execute its lawful bonds, undertakings, and other obligatory instruments of a similar nature as follows:

IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS-----(\$250,000.00)-----

and to bind each Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of each such Company, and all of the acts of said attorney pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The authority hereby granted shall expire _

August 1, 2001

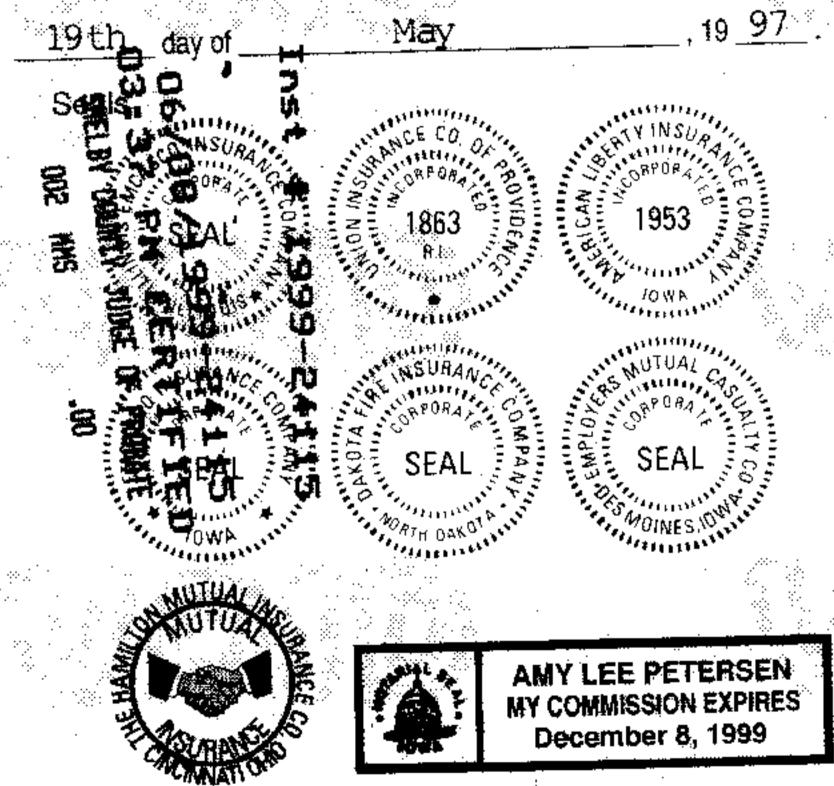
unless sooner revoked.

AUTHORITY FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by the authority of the following resolution of the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each company duly called and held in 1997:

RESOLVED: The President and Chief Executive Officer, any Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall have power and authority to (1) appoint attorneys-in-fact and authorize them to execute on behalf of each Company and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and (2) to remove any such attorney-in-fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to him or her. Attorneys-in-fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the power-of-attorney issued to them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company, and to attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such attorney-in-fact shall be fully and in all respects binding upon the Company. Certification as to the validity of any power-of-attorney authorized herein made by an officer of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall be fully and in all respects binding upon this Company. The facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of such officer, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power-of-attorney of the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and affect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed for each by their officers as shown, and the Corporate seals to be hereto affixed this



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Bruce G. Kelley, Chairman of Companies 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; President of of Company 1; Vice Chairman and

Donald L. Coughennower **Assistant Secretary**

CEO of Company 7

On this 19th day of Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa, personally appeared Bruce G. Kelley and Donald L. Coughennower, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they are, and are known to me to be the Chairman, President, Vice Chairman and CEO, and/or Assistant Secretary, respectively, of each of The Companies above; that the seals affixed to this instrument are the seals of said corporations; that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of each of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors; and that the said Bruce G. Kelley and Donald L. Coughennower, as such officers, acknowledge the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of each of the Companies. My Commission Expires December 8, 1999.

> Amy Lee Petersen Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

CERTIFICATE

I, David L. Hixenbaugh, Vice President of the Companies, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution of the Boards of Directors by each of the

Companies, and this Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto on Hudson Clayton Bush, Lizzie H. Hembree, David J. Poundstone

are true and correct and are still in full force and effect. In Testimony Whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the facsimile seal of each Company this 3

June

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Vice-President

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Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation Emcasco Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation Dakota Fire Insurance Company, an Alabama Corporation Merein called the Surety	
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PRINCIPAL: (Official's Full Name and Address) Betty H. Rinehart P O Box 28 Shelby, AL 35143	Office Elected or Appointed to:
OBLIGEE: (Name of Governmental Body and Address where bond will be filed) State of Alabama/Shelby County P O Box 825	Penal Amount of Bond: 6661 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
SURETY: As checked above; Administrative Office EMC Insurance Companies	Term of Office: 大多語
717 Mulberry, Des Moines, Iowa 50309	To: January 20, 2001
ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assignes, jointly and severally, by these presents. THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That, Whereas, the said Principal has been duly elected or appointed to the office as aforesaid within the jurisdiction of and for the said Obligee. NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall render a true account of his office and of his doings therein to the proper authority when required thereby or by law, and shall promptly pay over to the person or persons entitled thereto all money which may come into his hands by virtue of his office, and shall promptly account for all balances of money remaining in his hands at the termination of his office, and shall exercise all reasonable diligence and care in the preservation and lawful disposal of all money, books, papers and securities or other property appertaining to his said office, and deliver them to his successor or to any person authorized to receive the same, if he shall faithfully and impartially, without fear, favor, fraud or oppression, discharge all other duties now or hereafter required of his office by law, then this bond to be void, otherwise in full force.	
STATE OF Betty N. Rine Nant the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and that I will faithfully and impartially to the best of respectively.	Betty H. Rinehart Principal Employers Mutual Casualty Company Surety By Lizzie H. Hembree, Attorney-in-Fact COUNTY, ss: , solemnly swear that I will support on of the State of
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