

# Western Surety Company

## NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

Inst # 1997-31738

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

at Large \_\_\_\_\_ County

10/01/1997-31738  
09:43 AM CERTIFIED

SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE

002 MCD

17.00

Bond No. N08287099

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Betty J. Blackburn,  
as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ \$10,000.00), for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seal and dated this 8th day of September, 1997.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 30th day of September, 1997; for the term of 04 years from the 30th day of September, 1997 in Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County.

Now, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Betty J. Blackburn (L.S.)  
Principal

Michael H. Collins  
Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent  
Collins Insurance Agency, Inc.

Name of Agent or Agency  
P O Box 360148 Birmingham AL 35236  
Street City State

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Stephen T. Tate (L.S.)  
President

Taken and approved this 30 day of September, 1997.

Patricia Joyce Schneider  
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

County }

### OATH OF OFFICE

I, Betty J. Blackburn do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I continue a citizen thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 1997.

Shirley H. Snyder  
Form 1312-A-9-95 Notary Public

Betty J. Blackburn  
Principal

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of Minnehaha

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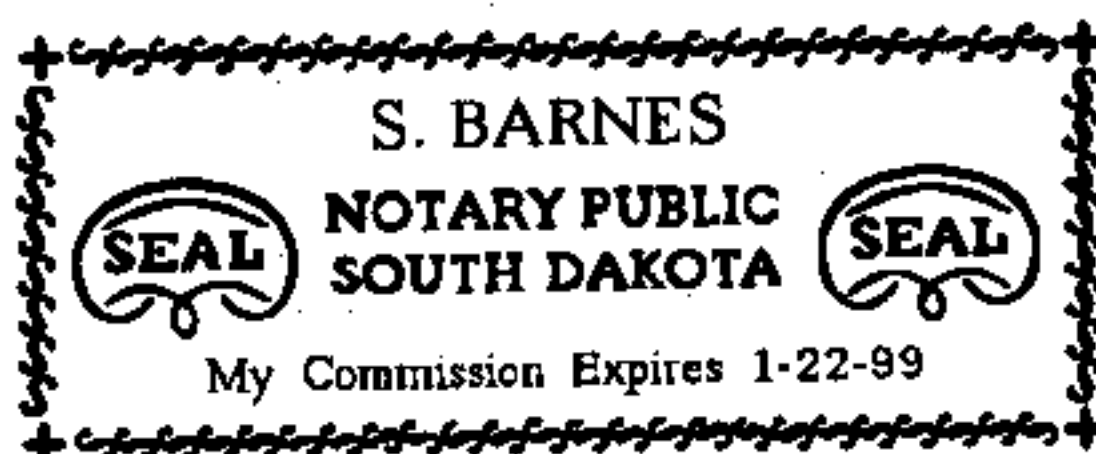
On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, before me, a Notary Public in and

for said County, personally appeared Stephen T. Pate personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, the day and year last above written.

S. Barnes

Notary Public



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