Form 7030 (11-98)

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Employers Mutual Casualty Company, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of lowa and having its general office in the City of Des Moines, in said State, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint:

Melody Massey, Kim Crawlord, Carolyn Smith - Birmingham, AL

D.L. Hixenbaugh, K. Kingery, A.L. Daniel - Des Moines, IA

its true and femilial Attorney in Fact, with full power and authority conferred to sign, seal and execute its lawful bonds, undertakings, and other obligatory instruments of a station nature, and to bind Employers Mutual Casualty Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of Employers Mutual Casualty Company and all acts of said attorney pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company adopted at a regular meeting duty called and held on June 10, 1953 authorizing any Vice President to appoint Attorneys-In-Fact authorizing them to execute bonds and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof and to attach the seal of the Company, or to remove any such Attorneys-In-Fact and revoke the Power given to him, and further railfying any instruments executed by such Attorneys-In-Fact as fully and in all respects binding upon the Company; and a further Resolution adopted at a regular meeting duty called and held on September 20, 1978 ratifying the facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice President or Secretary of the Company appearing on any Power-of-Attorney as valid and binding with the same force and effective as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Employers Mutual Casualty Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President and Secretary and its corporate seal to be therein affixed this 5th day of November, 1998.

SEAL



EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY

David L. Hixenbaugh, Vice President

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF POLK SS.

On this 5th day of November, 1998, before me a Notary Public in and for Polk County, lowa, personally appeared David L. Histenbaugh and Robert L. Link, who being by me duly sworn, did say that they are the Vice President and Secretary, respectively of said Employers Mutual Casualty Company, that the seal affixed is the seal of said corporation; that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Boards of Directors, and they did acknowledge the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

My Commission Expires August 19, 2000\_

Notary Public

\_Kathy E. Kingery

KATHY E. KINGERY

## CERTIFICATE

I, David L. Hixenbaugh, Vice President of the Employers Mutual Casualty Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power-of-Attorney dated 5th day of November, 1998 in behalf of Melody Massey, Kim Crawford, Carolyn Smith, D.L. Hixenbaugh, K. Kingery and A.L. Daniel, is a true and correct copy and that the same is still in force.

In Testimony Whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of said Company this 5th day of November, 1998.

David L. Hixenbaugh, Vice President

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SHELDY COUNTY JUDGE OF PRODATE