## THE STATE OF ALABAMA

## KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WHEREAS, on the 7TH day of April, A.D. 1997, the Probate Court of SHELBY County rendered a decree for the sale of lands hereinafter described and conveyed, for the payment of State and County taxes then due from MATTHEWS WILLIAM the owner of said lands, and for the payment of the fees, costs and expenses of and under said decree, and the sale had in execution thereof.

AND WHEREAS, thereafter, to-wit, on the 14TH day of May, 1997, under and in pursuance of said decree, said lands were regularly offered for sale by the Tax Collector of SHELBY County for said taxes, fees, costs and expenses, and no person having bid a sufficient sum for said lands to pay the same, said lands were bid in for the State for the sum of said taxes, fees, costs and expenses.

AND WHEREAS, the time allowed by law for the redemption of said lands has elapsed since said sale, and the same not having been redeemed, the title thereto under said sale is still in the State.

AND WHEREAS, said land having been entered upon the books of the State Land Commissioner, and the State Land Commissioner of the State of Alabama, with the approval of the Governor, has fixed the price of said land, and ascertained that the sum of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-EIGHT CENTS Dollars is sufficient to cover and satisfy all claims of the State and County against said lands for or on account of taxes, interest, fees, costs and officers' fees which were due upon or have accrued against said lands, as provided by law.

AND WHEREAS, application has been made to the State Land Commissioner of the State of Alabama by JAMES A LAWRENCE & DEBRA GAIL LAWRENCE to purchase said land, and said sum of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-EIGHT CENTS (\$ 1,467.98) Dollars therefor has been paid into the State Treasury.

NOW THEREFORE, the State Land Commissioner of the State of Alabama, by virtue of and in accordance with the authority in him vested by law, with the approval of the Governor of Alabama, and in consideration of the premises above set out, has this day granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said JAMES A LAWRENCE & DEBRA GAIL LAWRENCE without warranty or covenant of any kind on the part of the State, express or implied, all right and title of the State of Alabama acquired by the tax sale aforesaid in and to said lands, described as follows:

Parcel #: 5810061400010400040000

Legal description: COM NW COR E1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 S2 29.97 E218.97 SE770.28 TO POBCON SE90.52 SW190.38 NW73.27 N LY80 ELY161.75 TO POB S14 T19S R02W DIM 73.27 X 190.38

lying and being situated in said County and State, to have and to hold the same, the said right and title of the State in the land aforesaid, unto JAMES A LAWRENCE & DEBRA GAIL LAWRENCE and his/her/their/its heirs, assigns and successors forever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 8TH day of March, 2002

STATE LAND COMMISSIONER OF ALABAMA

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY: HEATHER TREADWELL, PROPERTY TAX DIVISION **50 RIPLEY STREET** MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132

I, Vicki S. Thornton, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State hereby certify that Cynthia Underwood, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance as State Land Commissioner, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this conveyance, she, in her capacity as such State Land Commissioner, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this the 8TH day of March, 2002.

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