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Employers Mutual  
Casualty Company

OFFICIAL BOND

BOND NO. 5031103

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Shelby County }

Know All Men By These Presents

That we Lynda Higginbotham as Principal & EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY, as Surety are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 (\$25,000.00) Dollars, 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.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 7 day of June 2022; for the term of 4 years 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.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of May, 2022

Lynda Higginbotham (L.S.)  
Lynda Higginbotham Principal

EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY (L.S.)

BY: Courtney B. Mauch (L.S.)  
COURTNEY B. MAUCH Attorney-in-Fact

Exp. 6/17/26

Taken and approved this 7 day of June, 2022

Allen S. Byrd  
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Shelby County }

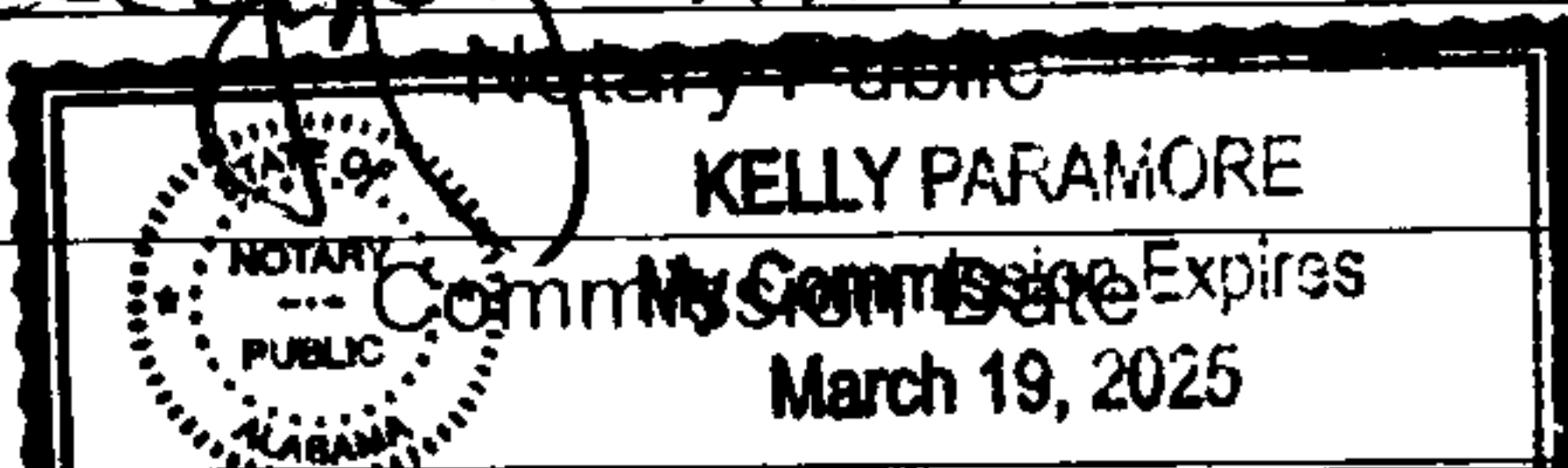
OATH OF OFFICE

I, Lynda Higginbotham 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 24 day of May, 2022

Kelly Paramore  
Notary Public

Lynda Higginbotham  
Principal



Questions regarding this bond should be directed to the EMC H.O. Bond Department at 515-345-2689.



## POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that:

1. Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
2. EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
3. Union Insurance Company of Providence, an Iowa Corporation

4. Illinois EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
5. Dakota Fire Insurance Company, a North Dakota Corporation
6. EMC Property & Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation


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

**COURTNEY B. MAUCH**

its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority conferred to sign, seal, and execute the following Surety Bond(s):

**Surety Bond**    **Principal:**  
**Number**        Lynda Higginbotham  
  
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**Obligee:**  
State of Alabama  
Secretary of State

  
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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.

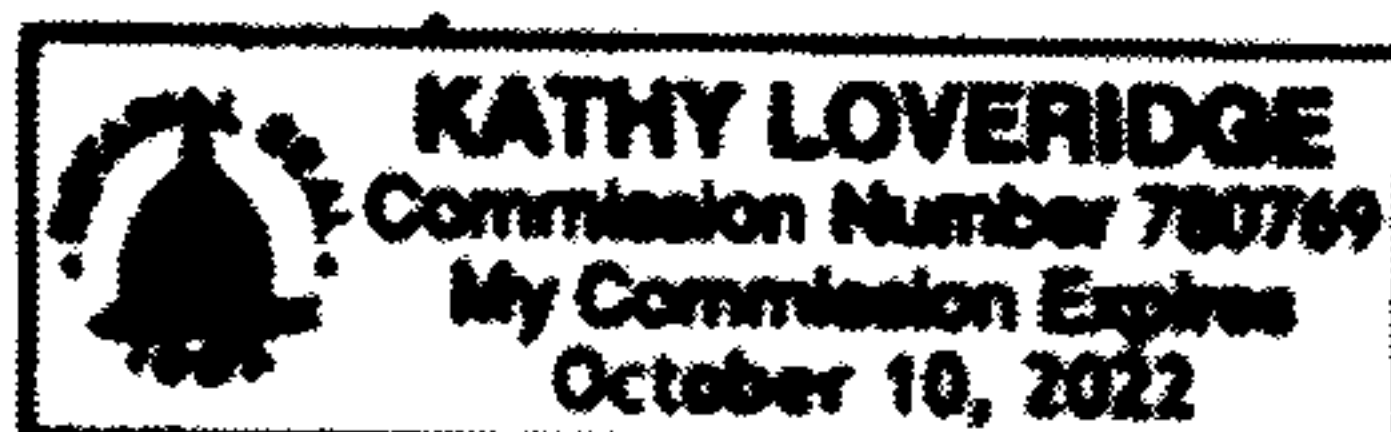
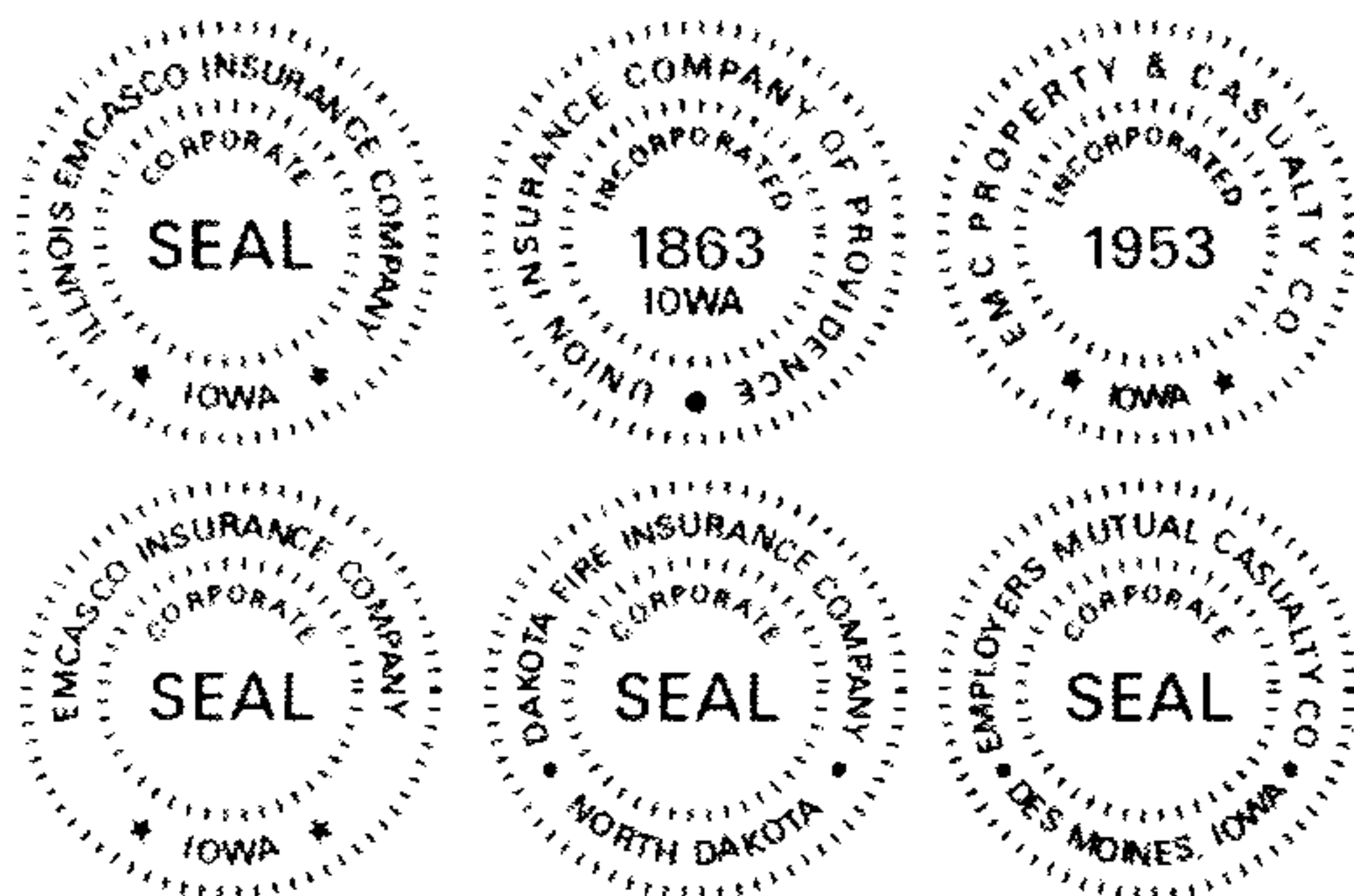
### AUTHORITY FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

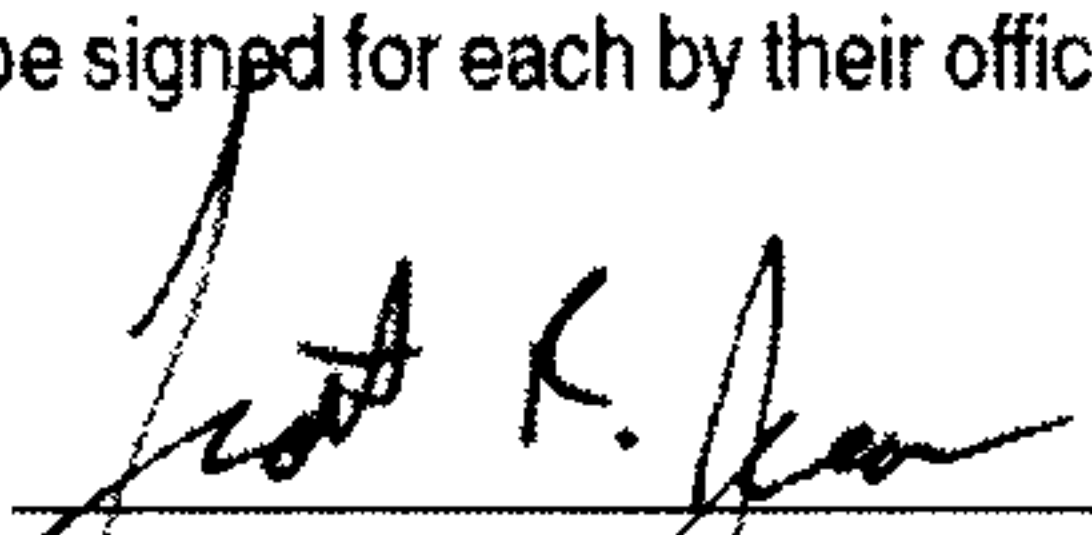
This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by the authority of the following resolution of the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each company duly called and held in 1999:

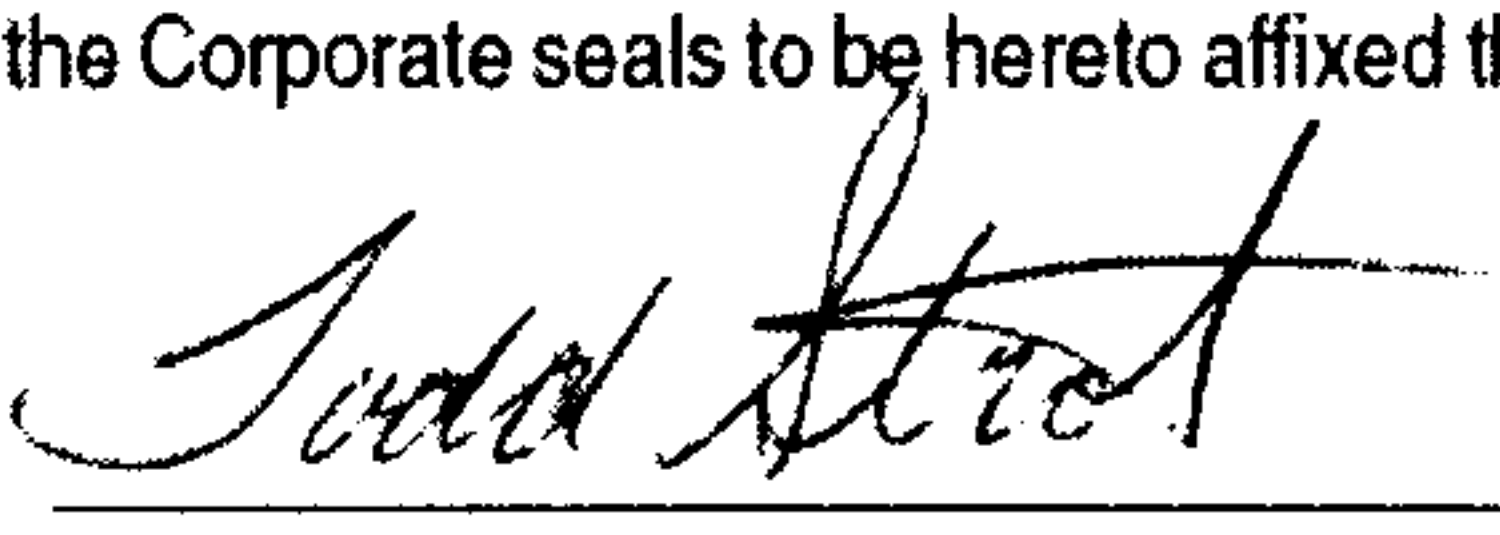
**RESOLVED:** The President and Chief Executive Officer, any Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall have power and authority to (1) appoint attorneys-in-fact and authorize them to execute on behalf of each Company and attach the seal of the Company 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 effect as though manually affixed.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, 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 30th day of March, 2020.

Seals

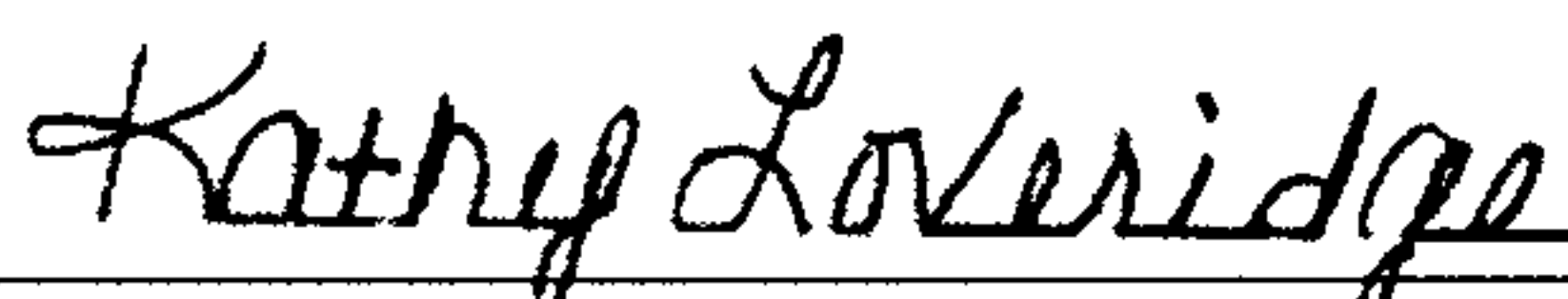


  
Scott R. Jean, President & CEO  
of Company 1; Chairman, President  
& CEO of Companies 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

  
Todd Strother, Executive Vice President  
Chief Legal Officer & Secretary of  
Companies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

On this 30th day of March, 2020 before me a Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa, personally appeared Scott R. Jean and Todd Strother, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they are, and are known to me to be the CEO, Chairman, President, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and/or 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 Scott R. Jean and Todd Strother, as such officers, acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be their voluntary act and deed, and the voluntary act and deed of each of the Companies.

My Commission Expires October 10, 2022.

  
Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

### CERTIFICATE

I, James D. Clough, 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 30th day of March, 2020, 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 17th day of May, 2022.

  
Vice President