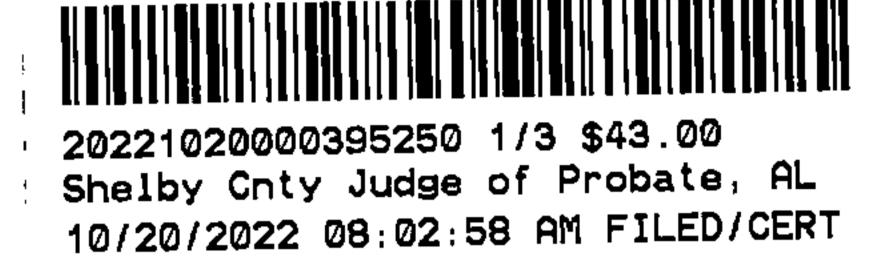


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NOTARY PUBLIC BOND STATE OF ALABAMA



THE STATE OF ALABAMA AL6054546 BOND No. County of ALABAMA STATE AT LARGE KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That EVELYN COPELAND as Principal, and MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama, the State of Alabama as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto ______ in the sum of \$25,000.00, 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. WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has been duly appointed Notary Public for the term of four (4) years from the date of Notary Commission. NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this bond is that if the named Principal shall faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Notary Public during his/her continuance therein, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect. Sealed with our seals and dated this ______ day of 10-20-2026 Principal Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) Christian Sturdivant Attorney-in-Fact Approved and filed this

Notary Public

Principal

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EVELYN COPELAND





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Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Christian Sturdivant

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings,-recognizances,-contracts-of-indemnity-and-other-writings-obligatory-in the-nature thereof."-----

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and aut hority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 10th

day of

, 2022 .

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

October

STATE OF IOWA COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 10th day of October 2022 , before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf



POLLY MASON Commission Number 750576 My Commission Expires January 07, 2023

Notary Public

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 10th day of

October

2022 .

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William Harner S. .
Secretary