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UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA

NOTARY PUBLIC BOND



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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby COUNTY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

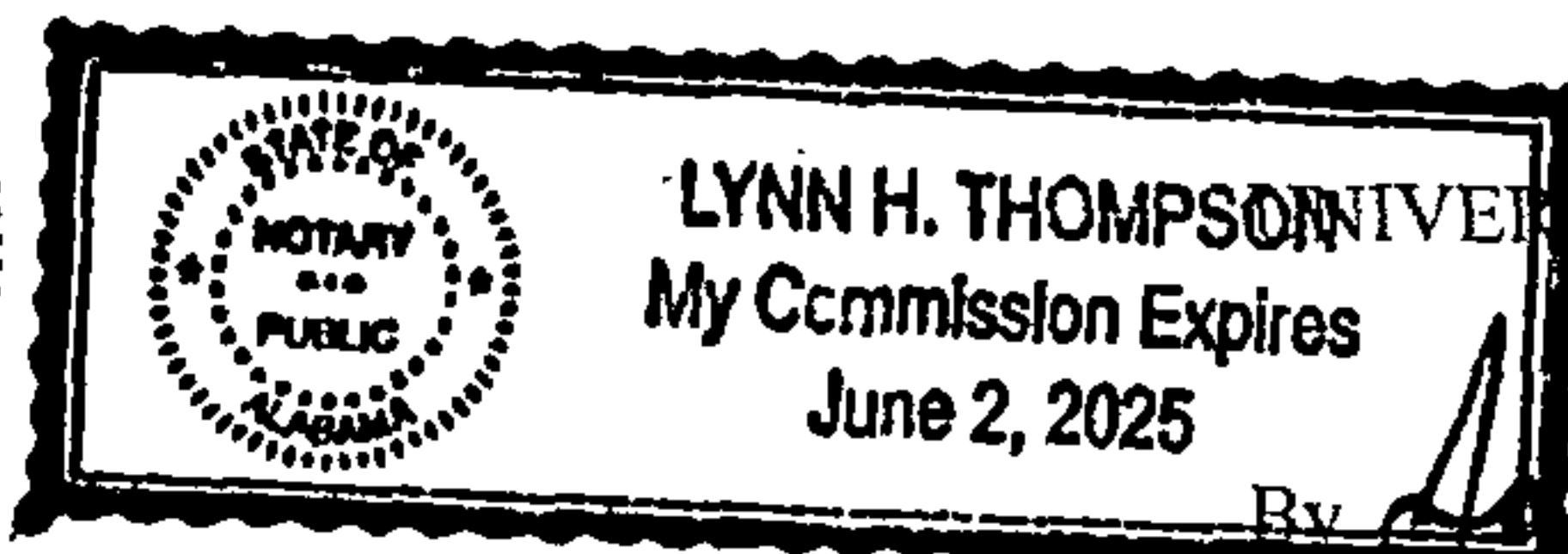
Bond No. 337782

That we, Valerie E Wheeler,
as Principal, and UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA, 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 TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000), 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 seals, and dated this _____ day of _____,

The condition of the above obligation, that whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 28 day of July, 2023; for the term of four years from the date of Notary Commission in State of Alabama at Large 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.



X Valerie E. Wheeler (L.S.)
Signature of Applicant - Principal

By Lynn H. Thompson (L.S.)
Attorney-in-Fact

Taken and approved this 28 day of July, 2023.

Allen S. Bayl
Judge of Probate

Lynn H. Thompson

OATH OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby COUNTY

I, Valerie E Wheeler, 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 23 day of July, 2023.

X Valerie E. Wheeler
Signature of Principal

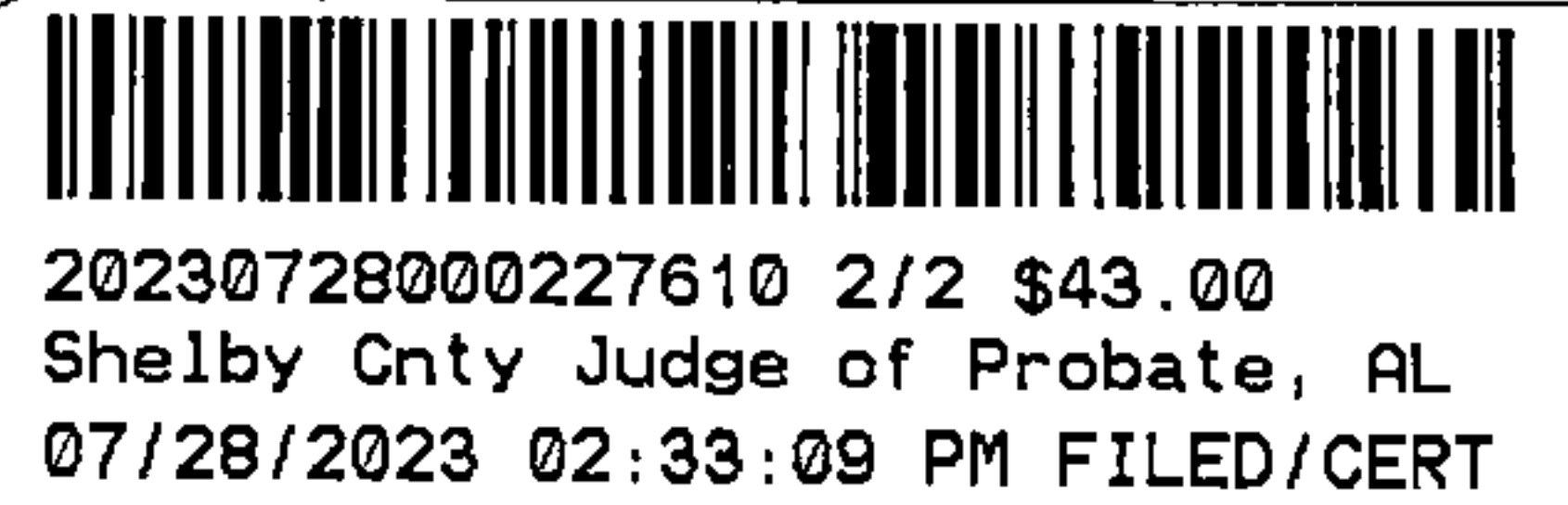
XX Lynn H. Thompson
Notary Public Signature



UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:



That UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Jack Diestelhorst

of Tallahassee, State of FL, as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him/her to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, all the following classes of documents to wit:

Notary Public Bonds & Notary Errors & Omissions Policies not to exceed \$100,000.

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Universal Surety of America at a meeting held on the 21st day of July, 2006, to-wit:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, and any Vice President, Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company."

"RESOLVED that the signature of any officer of the corporation, and the seal of the corporation may be affixed or printed by facsimile to any power of attorney of the corporation, and that such printed facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding upon the corporation."

In Witness Whereof, the said UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 10th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST

UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA

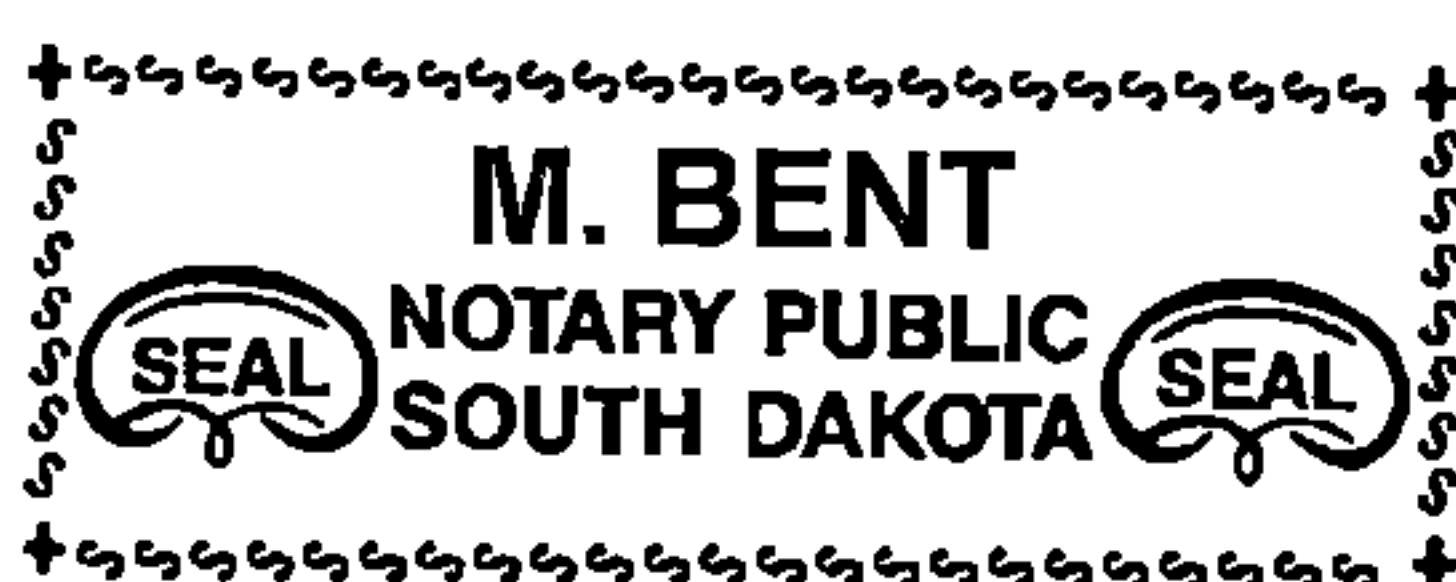
Anita K. Brenneman
Anita K. Brenneman, Assistant Secretary

By Paul T. Bruflat
Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } SS



On this 10th day of July, 2023, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat and Anita K. Brenneman who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

M. Bent
Notary Public