

GENERAL
POWER OF
ATTORNEY

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NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and having its Home Office in the City of Chicago, Illinois, has made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

SIDNEY H. WILSON, WILLIAM H. HUGHES, ROBERT J. ELLISON, JR. and JOHN W. BURNETT
Jointly or severally

GREENVILLE, SC

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof **NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500,000.00)**-----

and to bind the Corporation thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Corporation and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in the premises.

This power of attorney is granted pursuant to Article VIII, Section 29 and 30 of By-laws of NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION now in full force and effect.

Article VIII, Appointment and Authority of Resident Assistant Secretaries, and Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to accept Legal Process and Make Appointments.

Section 29 Appointment: The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President or any other person authorized by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Vice President may, from time to time, appoint Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company and Agents to accept legal process and make appointments for and on behalf of the Company.

Section 30 Authority: The Authority of such Resident Assistant Secretaries, Attorneys-in-Fact, and Agents shall be as prescribed in the instrument evidencing their appointment, and any such appointment and all authority granted thereby may be revoked at any time by the Board of Directors or by any person empowered to make such appointment.

This power of attorney is signed and sealed under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION at a meeting duly called and held on the 7th day of September, 1972, and said Resolution has not been amended or repealed:

"RESOLVED, that the signature of any Vice-President, Assistant Secretary, and Resident Assistant Secretary of this Corporation, and the seal of this Corporation may be affixed or printed on any power of attorney, on any revocation of any power of attorney, or on any certificate relating thereto, by facsimile, and any power of attorney, any revocation of any power of attorney, or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President,

and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this 14th day of November 1978.



NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION

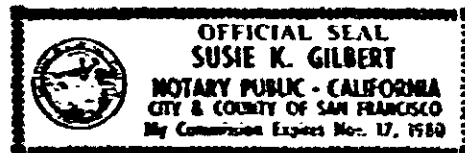
By William W. Lauber
Vice President

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

On this 14th day of November 1978, before me personally came William W. Lauber to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he is Vice-President of NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, the Corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year herein first above written.



Susie K. Gilbert
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, an ILLINOIS Corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached POWER OF ATTORNEY remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that Article VIII, Sections 29 and 30 of the By-laws of the Corporation, and the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City and County of San Francisco, Dated the _____ day of _____ 19____



Winifred H. Browne
Assistant Secretary

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