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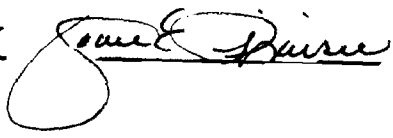
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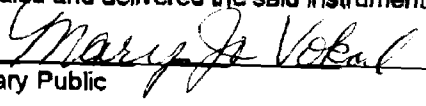
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On this 16 day of November, 1999, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared Joan Prairie who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and she acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as a free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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