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Before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2001, personally appeared Donald B. Kedrowski who is personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who acknowledged the foregoing instrument of assignment to be his/her free act and deed.


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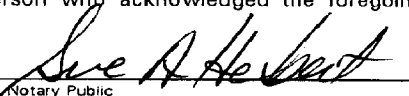
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