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(Signature) James T. Cernosek
Name: James T. Cernosek

Date 5-10-01

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 10TH day of May, 2001, personally appeared, James T. Cernosek, the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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