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Date: November 27, 2001 Joe Farmerie
Joseph G. Farmerie

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 27th day of November 2001, personally appeared Joseph G. Farmerie, known to me to be 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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