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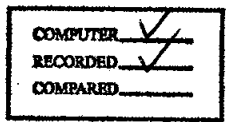
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NICKI UTSLER  
RECORDER  
MADISON COUNTY, IOWA

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:  
Brent R. Zimmerman  
8350 Hickman Road, Suite 14  
Des Moines, Iowa 50325

REC \$ 5.00  
AUD \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
R.M.F. \$ 5.00



Prepared by: Brent R. Zimmerman, 8350 Hickman Rd. Ste. 14, Des Moines, IA 50325, 515/278-0427

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned **Laura G. Thomas** of Mecklenburg County, NC, does hereby make, constitute and appoint **Robert L. Thomas** of Mecklenburg County, NC, the undersigned's true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, with full right, power and authority for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead.

To sell, convey, lease, manage, care for, preserve, protect, insure, improve, control, store, transport, maintain, repair, remodel, rebuild and in every way deal in and with any of my property or property rights, now or hereafter owned by me, and to establish and maintain reserves for improvements, upkeep and obsolescence; to eject or remove tenants or other persons and to recover possession of such property. This includes the right to convey or encumber my homestead legally described as follows:

A parcel of land described as commencing at a point 134 feet 7 inches North of the Southwest Corner of the North Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Seventy-five (75) North, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Madison County, Iowa, thence East 327 feet 3 inches, thence North 187 feet 1 inch, thence West 327 feet 3 inches, thence South 187 feet 1 inch to the point of beginning.



To pay my debts; to borrow money, mortgage and grant security interests in property; to complete, extend, modify or renew any obligations, either secured, unsecured, negotiable or non-negotiable, at a rate of interest and upon terms satisfactory to my Attorney-in-Fact; to lend money, either with or without collateral; to extend or secure credit; and to guarantee and insure the performance and payment of obligations of another person or entity.

Giving and Granting unto said Attorney-in-Fact the full power and authority to do and perform each and every act, deed, matter and thing whatsoever required and necessary to be done in and about the foregoing, as fully as the undersigned might or could do if personally present and acting.

The undersigned further direct that this Power of Attorney shall take effect immediately and shall be irrevocable unless and until such time as there is filed of record a duly acknowledged revocation of this instrument in the same office in which the instrument containing this power is recorded.

The undersigned does hereby authorize said Attorney-in-fact to relinquish all rights of dower, homestead and distributive share in and to any real estate described herein in which the undersigned has an interest.

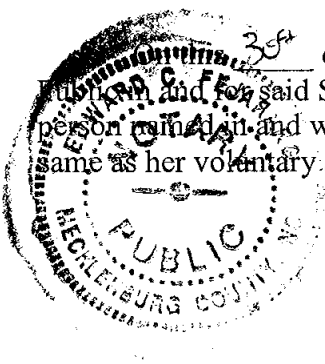
Words and phrases herein, including acknowledgment hereof, shall be construed as in the singular and plural number, and as masculine or feminine gender, according to the context.

Dated: 6-30-03

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Laura G. Thomas

STATE OF North Carolina, COUNTY OF Mecklenburg, ss:

30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Laura G. Thomas to me known to be the identical person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same as her voluntary act and deed.



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Notary Public in and for said State  
My commission expires April 8th, 2006