

Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, That the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having its principal office in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

ROBERT P. EMERICK, H. C. NOBLES, and ANTHONY CADIEUX
of CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact, with full power and authority to each of said Attorney(s)-in-fact, in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign, execute and acknowledge any and all bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the company in its business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons holding places of public or private trust; guaranteeing the performance of contracts other than insurance policies; guaranteeing the performance of insurance contracts where surety bonds are accepted by states and municipalities, and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in all actions or proceedings or by law allowed.

and to bind the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof were signed by an Executive Officer of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY and sealed and attested by one other of such officers, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that its said Attorney(s)-in-fact may do in pursuance hereof.

This power of attorney is granted under and by authority of the following By-Law adopted by the Stockholders of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of February, 1943.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 8. The President or any Vice-President, acting with any Secretary or Assistant Secretary, shall have power and authority to appoint, for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more Resident Vice-Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-fact and at any time to remove any such Resident Vice-President, Resident Assistant Secretary, or Attorney-in-fact, and revoke the power and authority given to him.

SECTION 11. Attorneys-in-fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the power of attorney issued to them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company and to attach the seal of the Company thereto any and all bonds and undertakings, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such Attorney-in-fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if signed by an Executive Officer and sealed and attested by one other of such Officers.

This power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Directors of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 13th day of March, 1956.

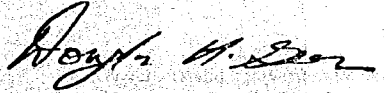
RESOLVED, that, whereas the President or any Vice-President, acting with any Secretary or Assistant Secretary, has the power and authority to appoint by a power of attorney, for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-fact;

Now therefore the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

In Witness Whereof, the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Secretary, this 17th day of January, 1968.

Attest:

HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY


Secretary



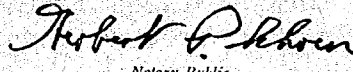

Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,)
COUNTY OF HARTFORD,) ss.

On this 17th day of January, A. D. 1968, before me personally came John F. Beardsley, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Vice-President of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,)
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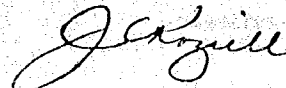

Notary Public
My commission expires March 31, 1977

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY, a Connecticut Corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached POWER OF ATTORNEY remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that Article IV, Sections 8 and 11, of the By-Laws of the Company, and the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford. Dated the 15th day of August 1975




Assistant Secretary