

On this the..... day of....., 19....., before me, ....., the undersigned officer, personally appeared ....., of the State (County or City as the case may be) of ....., known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

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Title of Officer.

17. *Execution of Certificate.* The certificate of the acknowledging officer shall be completed by his signature, his official seal if he has one, the title of his office, and if he is a Notary Public, the date his commission expires.

18. *Authentication of Acknowledgments.*

(a) If the acknowledgment is taken within this State or is made without the United States by an officer of the United States no authentication shall be necessary.

(b) If the acknowledgment is taken without this State, but in the United States, a territory or insular possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Philippine Islands, the certificate shall be authenticated by a certificate as to the official character of such officer, executed, if the acknowledgment is taken by a Clerk or Deputy Clerk of a court, by the presiding judge of the court or, if the acknowledgment is taken by a Notary Public, by a Clerk of a court of Record of the County, Parish or District in which the acknowledgment is taken.

(c) If the acknowledgment is made without the United States and by a Notary Public or a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record of the country where the acknowledgment is made, the certificate shall be authenticated by a certificate under the Great Seal of State of the country, affixed by the custodian of such Seal, or by a certificate of a diplomatic, consular or commercial officer of the United States accredited to that country, certifying as to the official character of such officer.

19. *Acknowledgments Under Laws of Other States.* Notwithstanding any provision in this sub-title contained the acknowledgment of any instrument without this State in compliance with the manner and form prescribed by