

INDIVIDUAL NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of [STATE]

**County of **

Acknowledgment (Uniform Law on Notarial Acts)

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This record was acknowledged before me on **** by [SIGNER NAME].

Signature of Notarial Officer

Notary Public: [NOTARY NAME] Commission Number: My Commission Expires:

[Notary Seal]

Document Identification

This certificate is attached to and made a part of: [DOCUMENT TITLE].

Apostille / international use: If this notarized document will be used in a country that is a party to the 1961 Hague Convention, an apostille issued by the Secretary of State of [STATE] will authenticate the notary's commission. For use in non-Hague countries, a full chain of authentication (notary → county clerk → Secretary of State → U.S. State Department → destination country's consulate) is typically required. The acknowledgment certificate itself does not change; the apostille is a separate attachment.

Self-notarization prohibited: A notary may not notarize a document to which the notary is a signer or a party. A notary may not notarize a document in which the notary has a direct beneficial interest (including spousal, parental, or financial interests in most states).

Commission validity: The notary's commission must be active as of . The notary's commission expires on . Performing a notarial act after commission expiration is a criminal offense in every state and renders the certificate void.

Backdating prohibited: *The date of the notarial act must be the actual date on which the signer appeared before the notary. Backdating or post-dating a notarial certificate is a criminal offense and independent grounds for commission revocation.*