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I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that STEPHEN A. JAMES, personally known to me to be the President of the Meridian Homes, Inc., and personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the forgoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that as such STEPHEN A. JAMES and President they signed and delivered the said instrument and caused the corporate seal of said corporation to be affixed thereto, pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation, as their free and voluntary act, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 28th day of July, 2000

OFFICIAL SEAL

(Notary Public)

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