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Loan Number: 88924907 0115



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**ILLINOIS  
RELEASE OF MORTGAGE**

In consideration of the payment and full satisfaction of the debt secured by the Mortgage dated JUNE 22, 1998 and executed by MICHAEL R. CRESS AND TINA A. CRESS, as Mortgagor(s), and recorded on JUNE 29, 1998 as document number 98553736, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of COOK County, Illinois, the undersigned hereby releases said Mortgage which formally encumbered the described property:

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

**THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 18 IN SOUTH LOREL AVENUE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO.**

**970588, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

*APN. 19-21-117-013-0000*

Commonly known as: 6425 S LOREL CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Dated: DECEMBER 28TH, 2001

**EMPIRE FUNDING CORP.  
By its Attorney-in-Fact  
Ocwen Federal Bank FSB**

*[Signature]*  
Name: Vickie Pruitt  
Title: Servicing Officer  
**P.O.A. recorded on: APRIL 9, 2001  
Book: 1404 Page: 70  
Instrument number: 0010282562**

STATE OF FLORIDA }  
  }SS  
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH }

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, the undersigned Notary, on DECEMBER 28TH, 2001 , by Vickie Pruitt, Servicing Officer of Ocwen Federal Bank FSB, a federal savings bank, Attorney-in-Fact for EMPIRE FUNDING CORP., on behalf of the bank. Vickie Pruitt is personally known to me.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public - State of Florida



Tammy M Bell  
My Commission DD057126  
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