JURAT CERTIFICATE

STATE OF [STATE])) ss. COUNTY OF [EXECUTION COUNTY])

Affiant Identification and Competence

I, **[AFFIANT / WITNESS NAME]**, residing at [AFFIANT ADDRESS], being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, am of sound mind, suffer no legal disabilities, and am competent to make this Affidavit.
2. I make this Affidavit of my own free will, without coercion or duress.
3. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, except where stated to be upon information and belief, and if called as a witness I could and would testify competently to such facts.

Document Being Sworn To

[SWORN DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION]

Statement of Facts

[STATEMENT OF FACTS]

> ***Jurat vs. acknowledgment: the single most consequential notarial certificate error.*** *This certificate is a* ***jurat****: it requires (i) the affiant to appear before the notary in person and NOT pre-sign, (ii) the notary to administer a spoken oath or affirmation to which the affiant must respond audibly, and (iii) the affiant to sign the document in the notary's presence only after taking the oath. An* ***acknowledgment*** *is the correct certificate for deeds, powers of attorney, and most recorded instruments; it does NOT include an oath about the truthfulness of the contents. Using an acknowledgment in place of a jurat renders this affidavit defective and may cause it to be rejected by the court, agency, or institution to which it is submitted.*

Oath and Certification

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of [STATE] that I know the contents of this Affidavit signed by me and that the statements set forth above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Affiant

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SIGNATURE

DATE

[AFFIANT / WITNESS NAME] [AFFIANT ADDRESS]

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