The State of South Carolina, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT WHEREAS,

BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

HERMAN N. HIPP and ROBERT R. SCALES, JR.

both of

Greenville, South Carolina

28th. , 19 56 , file with the Secretary of State a written Declaration, December signed by themselves, setting forth:

FIRST: That their names and residences are as above given.

SECOND: That the name of the proposed corporation is THE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY

THIRD: That the principal place of business is Greenville, South Carolina

FOURTH: That the general nature of the business which it is proposed to do is

That the general nature of the business which it proposes to do is that of operating an insurance company under the laws of the State of South Carolina and of issuing policies of insurance against all hezards, including but not limited to fire, theft, collision, corprehensive, hospitalization, health, accident, sickness, casualty, disability, death, liability, indemnity, tornado, water damage, hurricane, flood, hail and inland carine; and making, buying, selling and brokering every kind of insurance (except life insurance) and surety bonds; and of buying, selling and holding real estate; and of borrowing and lending money; and of doing all acts and things as may be necessary or expedient for the proper and successful conduct of the business and fulfillment of the purposes for which the corporation is created.

Executive Department Oursuant to law the Capital Stock of the within Corporation has this day been increased to the sum of \$1,000,000 one million Dollars divided into 100,000 shares of the par value of \$100° Jen Dollars each. Columbia the 9th day of December a. D. 1960 O. Srank Thornton

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