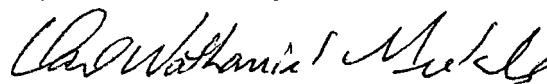


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Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this 17th day of September 2025.

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