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(X) GRANTOR (X) GRANTEE

Heather Barker deputy

**DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

Excise Tax \$ 60.00  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARTIN COUNTY

Tax ID/Parcel Number: 6744-95-8729  
6744-86-8357, 6744-96-2153, 6754-05-0554

Prepared by and  
After Recording Return to:

N.C. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Office of the General Counsel  
1001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1001

**THIS DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT ("Conservation Easement")**, effective as of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 and given by John M. Kauffman, Single, a citizen and resident of the State of Virginia, (hereinafter "Grantor" or "Owner"), to the STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (hereinafter "Grantee" or "State") by and through the DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, West Edenton Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, (hereinafter "NCDA&CS");

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the State has established the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program ("CREP") pursuant to Chapter 113A, Article 16 of the North Carolina General Statutes, for the purposes of acquiring, maintaining, restoring and enhancing wetland and riparian resources that contribute to the protection and improvement of water quality, flood prevention, fisheries, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State is authorized by Chapter 121, Article 4 of the North Carolina General Statutes to acquire conservation easements; and

**WHEREAS**, the acceptance of this instrument for and on behalf of the State of North Carolina has been granted to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by resolution as approved by the Governor and Council of State adopted at a meeting held in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Grantor owns in fee simple absolute certain real property lying and being in Jamesville Township, Martin County, North Carolina (the "Property"), and more particularly described on the attached "Exhibit A" which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, Grantor and Grantee have agreed to set aside 29.774 acres more or less of the Property (as described herein below and hereinafter referred to as the "Easement Area"), for the purpose of including but not limited to; creating a conservation easement to preserve, enhance, restore, and maintain the natural features and resources of the easement Area, to provide habitat for native plants and animals, to improve and maintain water quality, and to control runoff of sediment (hereinafter the "Conservation Values").

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions hereinafter set forth, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration provided pursuant to the terms of CREP, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby unconditionally and irrevocably hereby grants and conveys unto Grantee, its successors and assigns, this Conservation Easement in the Easement Area, (exclusive of any area known to or later identified as containing hazardous substances or wastes) which is more particularly described on the attached "Exhibit B" incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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TRANSFERRED  
ASSESSOR

MARTIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes paid through  
2016. Subject to  
deferred