Skagit County Auditor, WA

When Recorded Return To: U.S. Bank C/O Nationwide Title Clearing, LLC 2100 Alt. 19 North Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Loan Number 6800532332

SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, DONALD HOWARD AND KAREN HOWARD, HUSBAND AND WIFE was the original Trustor, CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE CO, was the original Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR PEOPLES BANK, A WA CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS was the designated nominee of the original Beneficiary under that certain Deed of Trust dated 04/25/2012, in the amount of \$159,992.00, and recorded in SKAGIT County, WASHINGTON, under Auditor File # 201305010040 File # 201205010049.

LOT 148, CEDAR HEIGHTS PUD 1, PH. 2

Parcel ID #: 4929-000-148-0000

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the designated nominee of the present Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust and WHEREAS, the undersigned desires to substitute a new Trustee under Deed of Trust in place and stead of said original Trustee thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned hereby substitutes U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee under said Deed of Trust.

Dated this 13th day of March in the year 2023 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR PEOPLES BANK, A WA CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Ture dreto Stevie K. Kretz

VICE PRESIDENT

STATE OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF DAVIESS

This foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 13th day of March in the year 2023 by Stevie K. Kretz as VICE PRESIDENT of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR PEOPLES BANK, A WA CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. He/she/they is (are) personally known to me.

Notary Public - STATE OF KENTUCKY

Commission expires: 11/28/2024

STARLA EROWN NOTARY PUBLIC - KENTUCKY STATE-AT-LARGE My Comm. Expires 11/25/2024 D # KYNP17928

USRPD 437331478 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) MIN 100135900060076251 MERS PHONE 1-888-679-6377 MERS Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026 T132303-10:43:26 [C-2] ERCNWA1