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Office of the International President

November 30, 2020

The Honorable Kay Ivey
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Ivey:

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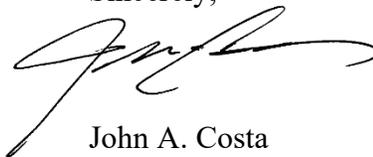
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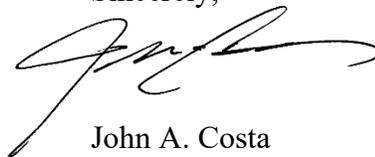
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The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
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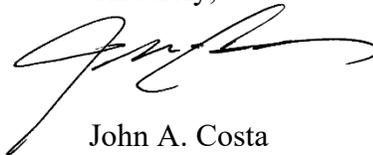
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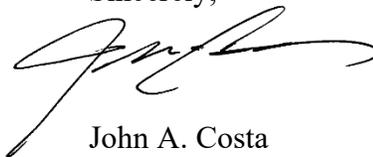
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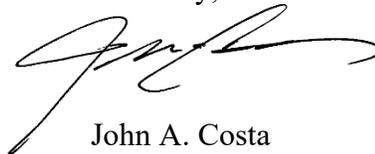
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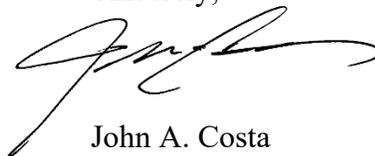
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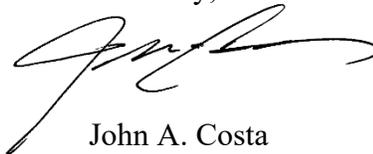
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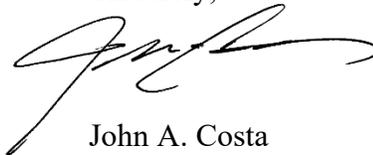
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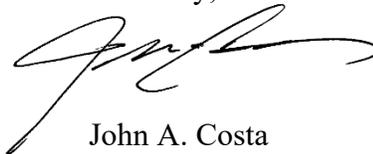
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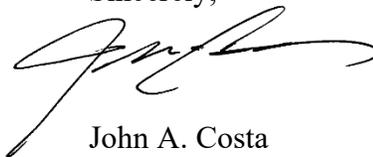
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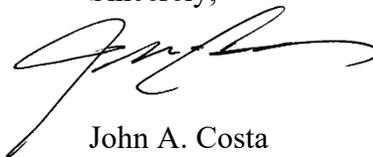
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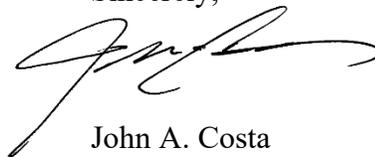
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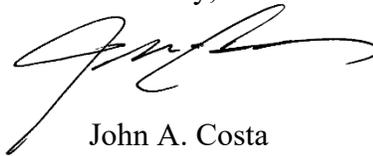
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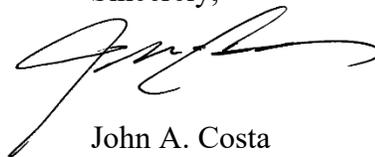
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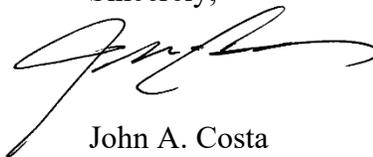
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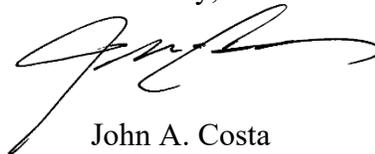
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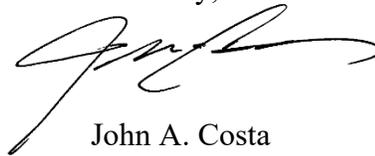
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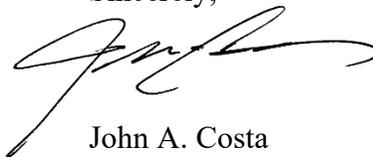
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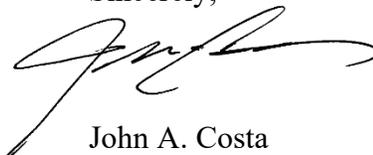
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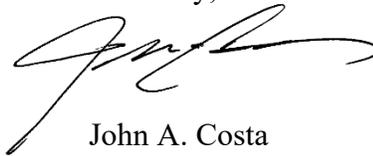
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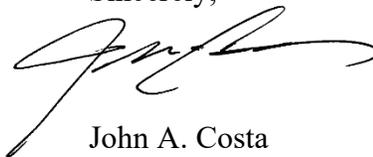
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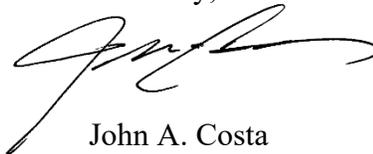
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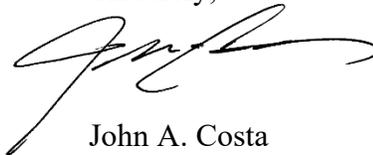
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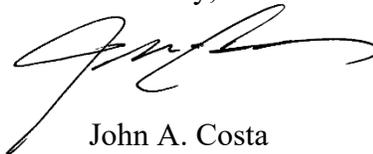
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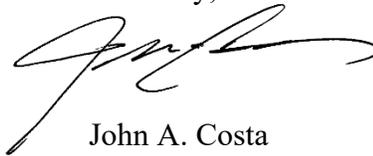
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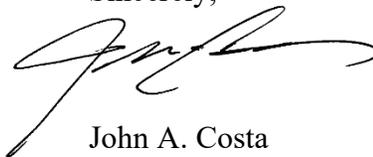
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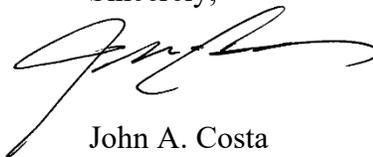
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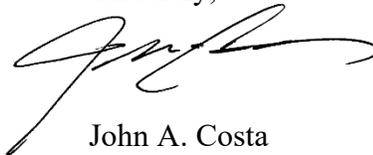
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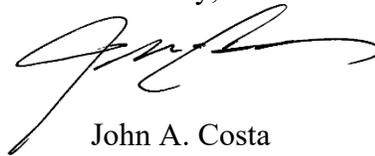
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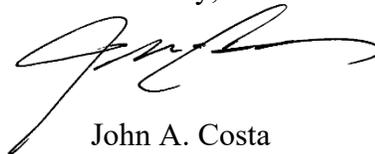
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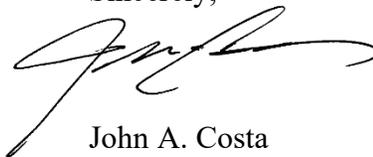
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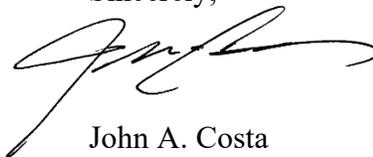
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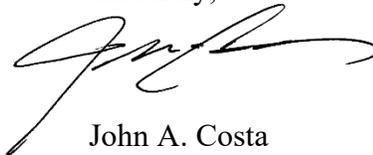
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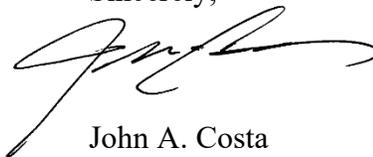
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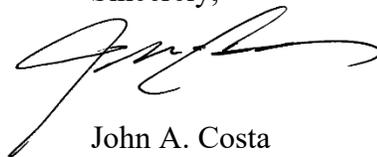
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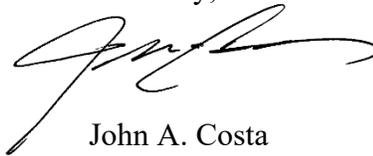
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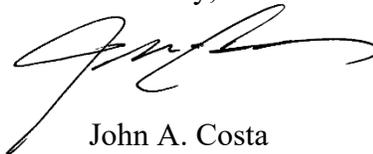
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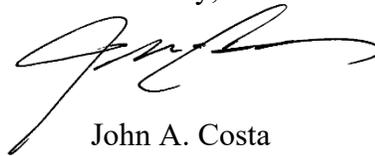
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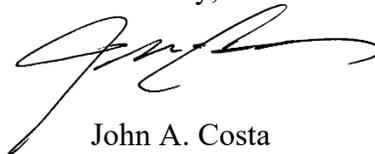
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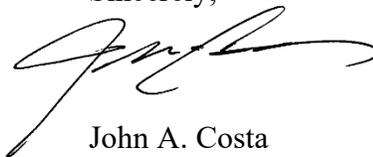
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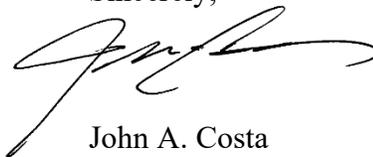
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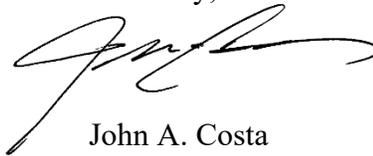
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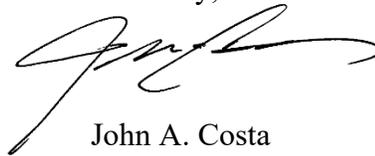
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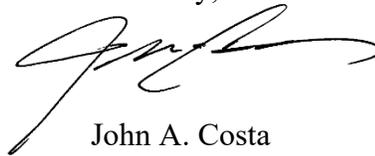
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