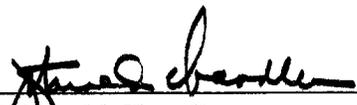


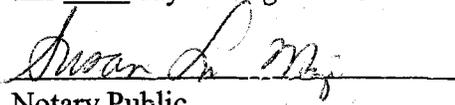
**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, J. Harold Chandler, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of UnumProvident Corporation, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with UnumProvident Corporation's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - Annual Report on Form 10-K for year ended December 31, 2001 of UnumProvident Corporation;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of UnumProvident Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.



 J. Harold Chandler
 Chairman, President and
 Chief Executive Officer
 August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me
 this 13th day of August 2002.


 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 6/12/05

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