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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

<u>of</u>

GULFWIND INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article 1. Name. The name of the Corporation is:

GULFWIND INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

Article 2. Mailing Address. The mailing address of the Corporation is:

7090 Placida Road Cape Haze, Florida 33946

Article 3. Duration. The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

Article 4. Purpose. The general purposes for which the Corporation is organized are the following:

- A. To engage in and transact any lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Business Corporation Act. No other purpose limits this general purpose in any way.
- B. To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

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Article 5. Capital Stock. The aggregate number of shares which the Corporation is authorized to issue is 10,000 shares of common stock. Such shares shall be of a single class and shall have \$0.10 par value.

Article 6. Initial Registered Office and Agent. The street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is 7090 Placida Road, Cape Haze, Florida 33946, and the name of its initial Registered Agent at that address is W. Terry Lynch.

Article 7. Incorporator. The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

W. Terry Lynch

7090 Placida Road Cape Haze, Florida 33946

Article 8. Amendment. The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and any right conferred upon the Shareholders is subject to this reservation.

Article 9. Indemnification. The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Director, including former Officers and Directors, to the full extent permitted by law.

Article 10. Commencement of Corporate Existence. In accordance with Section 607.0203, Florida Statutes, the date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of execution by the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation. In the event these Articles of Incorporation are not filed within the time period set forth in Section 607.0203, Florida Statutes, the date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of filing by the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 6th day of August 1998.

W. TERRY

Incorporator

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of GULFWIND INSURANCE GROUP, INC. which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of his duties, and accepts the duties and obligations of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

DATED this 6th day of August 1998

W. TERRY LYNCH Registered Agent

SECRETARY OF STATE