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CORP. NAME: The Lending Group, Inc.

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STATE FEES PREPAID WITH CHECK# 1453 FOR \$ 70.00

AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCOUNT IF TO BE DEBITED:

COST LIMIT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN:

- ☐ CERTIFIED COPY ☐ CERTIFICATE OF STATUS ☒ PLAIN STAMPED COPY

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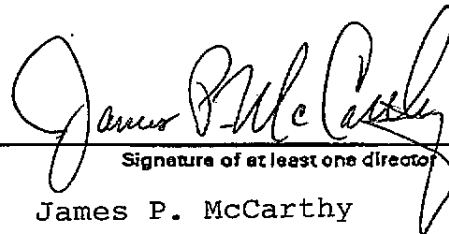
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## RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I, the undersigned James P. McCarthy, do hereby certify  
that this Resolution of the Board of Directors of The Lending Group, Inc.,  
a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of IL,  
was duly adopted on June 10th, 19 99.

Resolved, that The Lending Group, Inc., organized  
and existing in the State of IL, hereby adopts the  
name U.S. Lending Group, Inc. for use in Florida.

Dated: 6/10/99

  
Signature of at least one director  
James P. McCarthy

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Qualification/Tax Lien Section  
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: The Lending Group, Inc.  
(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Firm/Company)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

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(City/State/Zip)

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Should you need to call someone concerning this matter, please call:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person)

at (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

### COURIER ADDRESS:


Qualification/Tax Lien Sec.  
Division of Corporations  
409 E. Gaines St  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

### MAILING ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION  
TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS  
SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA:*

1. THE LENDING GROUP, INC.  
(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)
2. Illinois  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)
3. 36-4270979  
(FEI number, if applicable)
4. December 31, 1998  
(Date of Incorporation)
5. Perpetual  
(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. Upon Approval  
(Date first transacted business in Florida. (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502, AND 817.155, F.S.))
7. 2300 N. Barrington Rd., Suite 300, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195  
  
(Current mailing address)
8. Conduct mortgage lending business to residential homeowners and home buyers.  
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)
9. **Name and street address of Florida registered agent:** (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT acceptable)  
  
Name: NRAI Services, Inc.  
  
Office Address: 526 E. Park Avenue  
  
Tallahassee, Florida, 32301  
(Zip Code)
10. **Registered agent's acceptance:**  
  
*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*  
  
  
(Registered agent's signature)
11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

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THE LENDING GROUP, INC.

Principal Officers

Residence Address: James P. McCarthy, CEO/President  
607 West Campbell Ct.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Business Address: 2300 North Barrington Rd., Suite 300  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195

Occupation: CEO & President of THE LENDING GROUP, INC.  
*Director*

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Residence Address: Christopher L. Bayes, COO/President  
106 Amber Court  
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Business Address: 2300 North Barrington Rd., Suite 300  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195

Occupation: COO & President of THE LENDING GROUP, INC.  
*Director*

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Residence Address: Nathan N. Burns, CFO/Vice President  
319 Garrison Circle  
Barrington, IL 60010

Business Address: 2300 North Barrington Rd., Suite 300  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195

Occupation: CFO & Vice President of THE LENDING GROUP, INC.  
*Director*

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12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address **ONLY**- P. O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

**A. DIRECTORS (Street address only- P. O. Box NOT acceptable)**

Chairman: See Attachment

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. OFFICERS (Street address only- P. O. Box NOT acceptable)**

President: See Attachment

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. James P. McCarthy, President/CEO

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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*To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:*

*I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that*

THE LENDING GROUP, INC., A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE DECEMBER 31, 1998, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF FRANCHISE TAXES, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS\*\*\*\*\*



*In Testimony Whereof, I, hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this* 10TH *day of* JUNE *A.D.* 1999

*Jesse White*

SECRETARY OF STATE