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Freedom Life Insurance Company of America (the "Company")

Amendment to Application for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida

To Whom it May Concern:

RE:

Enclosed please find the following with respect to the above referenced matter:

- Executed Application for Amendment to Application for Authorization to Transact 1. Business in Florida (the "Amendment");
- Certified Copy of the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company as filed with 2. the Texas Department of Insurance on September 28, 2000; and
- A check in the amount of \$52.50 for the following: 3.
  - Filing Fee: a.
  - Certified Copy of the Amendment; and Ъ.
  - Certificate of Status. C.

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Florida Department of State
September 27, 2001
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Please send a Certified Copy of the Amendment and a Certificate of Status to my attention in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

MITCHELL, WILLIAMS, SELIG, GATES & WOODYARD, P.L.L.C.

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# PROFIT CORPORATION APPLICATION BY FOREIGN PROFIT CORPORATION TO FILE AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

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#### Texas Department of Insurance

Financial, Company Licensing & Registration, Mail Code 305-2C 333 Guadalupe •P. O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78714-9104

STATE OF TEXAS

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The Commissioner of Insurance, as the chief administrative and executive officer and custodian of records of the Texas Department of Insurance has delegated to the undersigned the authority to certify the authenticity of documents filed with or maintained by or within the custodial authority of the Insurer Services Division of the Texas Department of Insurance.

Therefore, I hereby certify that the attached documents are true and correct copies of the documents described below. I further certify that the documents described below are filed with or maintained by or within the custodial authority of the Insurer Services Division of the Texas Department of Insurance.

Redomestication and Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, Fort Worth, Texas, along with Commissioner Order No. 00-1116 dated September 28, 2000, consisting of six (6) pages.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and seal of office at Austin, Texas, this  $7^{th}$  day of September 2001.

JOSE MONTEMAYOR
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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Jeff Hunt, Admissions Officer Company Licensing & Registration Order No. 00-1002 OFFICIAL ORDER

of the

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

of the

STATE OF TEXAS AUSTIN, TEXAS

Date: SEP 2 8 2000

Subject Considered:

FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA Jackson, Mississippi TDI No. 02-19830

REDOMESTICATION AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY DOCKET NO. R-00-0921

General remarks and official action taken:

On this day came on for consideration by the Commissioner of Insurance, the application of FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, Jackson, Mississippi, to redomesticate and to amend its Certificate of Authority to change its home office from Jackson, Mississippi to Fort Worth, Texas.

Pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE ANN. art. 1.38, evidence has been submitted that FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA has amended its Certificate of Incorporation by restatement and changed the home office of the Company from Jackson, Mississippi to Fort Worth, Texas. The Commissioner of the State of Mississippi has approved such redomestication.

THEREFORE, based upon the representations made by FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and upon recommendation by staff, the Commissioner of Insurance finds that the redomestication of FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA should be, and is hereby approved.

It is, therefore, ORDERED pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE ANN. art. 1.38, that the redomestication of FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA from the State of Mississippi to the State of Texas is hereby approved with said change of domicile effective as of 11:59 p.m., on September 30, 2000. Further, it is ORDERED that the Certificate of Authority No. 8065, dated January 29, 1986, issued to FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, Jackson, Mississippi, be, and the same is hereby canceled and that an amended Certificate of Authority be issued to FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, Fort Worth, Texas, effective as of 11:59 p.m., on September 30, 2000.

JOSE MONTEMAYOR

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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Godwin Ohaechesi, Director

Company Licensing & Registration

Order 94-0580

Recommended By:

Nellie Nixon, Insurance Specialist Company Licensing & Registration

## RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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## FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

I.

Freedom Life Insurance Company of America (the "Corporation"), a Mississippi insurance company incorporated on March 30, 1956, pursuant to the provisions of the Mississippi Insurance Code, adopts this restatement of its Articles of Association as its restatement of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas (the "Restated Articles of Incorporation") under which the Corporation will continue its existence without interruption. The Restated Articles of Incorporation accurately set forth the original Articles of Association and all amendments thereto.

II.

The following amendments to the Articles of Association were adopted by the shareholders of the Corporation on July 5, 2000. The first of these amendments alters Article I of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The name of this Corporation shall be Freedom Life Insurance Company of America.

The second amendment alters Article II of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The address of the registered offices of the Corporation in the State of Texas shall be 110 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Worth located in Tarrant County, and the registered agent of the Corporation at such address shall be Patrick H. O'Neill, Executive Vice President and General Counsel.

The third amendment alters Article III of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The Corporation shall have perpetual duration.

The fourth amendment alters Article IV of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The purposes of the Corporation shall be to engage in the business of a life and/or health and accident insurer as authorized and permitted by the Texas Insurance Code as now in effect or as may be permitted by the Texas Insurance Code as now in effect or as may be hereafter amended; to transact any business that is desirable, permitted or necessary to be transacted in accordance with such insurance business; and to engage in any lawful act or activity for which stock insurers may be organized under the Texas Insurance Code and the Texas Business Corporation Act.

The fifth amendment alters Article V of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The authorized capital of the Corporation shall be \$3,000,000 consisting of 3,000,000 shares of common stock of the par value of \$1.00 per share.

The sixth amendment alters Article VI of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The number of directors of the Corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, provided that the number of such directors shall at no time be less than the minimum number required by law nor more than fifteen (15), until changed as provided in the bylaws. The names and addresses of the directors of the Corporation who shall hold office until their respective successors shall be elected and qualified, are as follows:

Patrick John Mitchell 2713 Heritage Hills Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76109 Patrick Henry O'Neill
4001 Briarhaven Court
Fort Worth, Texas 76109

The seventh amendment alters Article VII of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The Board of Directors of this Corporation is expressly authorized to make, alter, amend, add to, revise or repeal the bylaws of the Corporation, or to adopt new bylaws.

The eighth amendment alters Article VIII of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

Elections of directors need not be by written ballot, except as may otherwise be provided in the bylaws.

The ninth amendment adds Article IX of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The Corporation is being incorporated pursuant to the attached Plan of Conversion attached hereto and which this Restated Articles/Articles of Incorporation of Freedom Life Insurance Company of America are a part thereof.

The tenth amendment adds Article X of the Articles of Association to read as follows:

The Corporation shall, to the full extent permitted by Texas Business Corporation Act Article 2.02—1, as amended from time to time, indemnify all persons whom it may indemnify pursuant thereto.

Each statement made by this Restated Articles of Incorporation has been effected in conformity with the provisions of the Mississippi Insurance Code. In this regard, the above amendments to the original Articles of Association were conditionally adopted (subject to applicable regulatory approval) by the shareholders of the Corporation on July 5, 2000.

IV.

The number of the Corporation outstanding at the time of the adoption was 1,761,816; and the number of shares entitled to vote on the amendment was 1,761,816.

V.

The number of shares that voted for the amendment was 1,761,816; and the number of shares that voted against the amendment was 0.

VI.

The amendment provides for an exchange of issued shares and the manner in which the exchange is effected is as follows:

One share of common stock of the Corporation bearing its former state of incorporation, Mississippi, will be exchanged for one share of common stock of the Corporation bearing its new state of incorporation, Texas.

VII.

The original Articles of Association and all amendments and supplements to thereto are superseded by the following Restated Articles of Incorporation, which accurately copy the entire text as well as incorporates the amendments set forth above:

### RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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#### ARTICLE X

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Patrick J. Mitchell

President

Patrick H. O'Neill

Executive Vice President

Comm. Exp. 09-15-2002

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

I, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000, personally appeared before me Patrick J. Mitchell and Patrick H. O'Neill, who, being by me first duly sworn, declared that they are President and Secretary respectively of Freedom Life Insurance Company of America, that they executed the foregoing document as President and Secretary of the Coron, and that the statements contained therein NOTARY PUBLIC State of Texas

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public State of Texas