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### 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.

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. Ohio  (State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)  (Date of incorporation)  (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")  (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")  (Outling transacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.")  (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)  7. 701 East 83rd Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410  (Principal office address)  same  (Current mailing address)  Second mortgage and home equity lending  8. (Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)  Plantation  (City)  (City)  (City)  (Cip 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.  CT Corporation System  CET Corporation System  (Registered agent's signafure)  (Registered agent's signafure)		y of America, Inc.	
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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.

#### 12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS	SEE ATTACHMENT	
Chairman:		ē. ·
Address:		-
Vice Chairman:		
Address:		
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Director:	<u> </u>	-12
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B. OFFICERS		
President: George A. Schaefer, Jr	<del></del>	
Address: 38 Fountain Square Plaza		-
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Cincinnati, OH 45263		
Secretary: Paul L. Reynolds		2.27
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Treasurer: Neal E. Arnold	And the second s	
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(Typed or printed name and capacity	of person signing application)	

Attachment to Florida

Application By Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business In Florida

#### **Officers & Directors**

George A. Schaefer, Jr Full Name: 1. Officer, Director Officer/Director: President Officer's Title: 38 Fountain Square Plaza Business Address: Cincinnati City: OH State: 45263 ZIP Code:

Full Name: 2. Officer/Director: Officer's Title: Business Address: City: State:

ZIP Code: Full Name: 3. Officer/Director: Officer's Title: Business Address: City:

State: Full Name:

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Officer/Director: Officer's Title: **Business Address:** City:

State: ZIP Code:

5. Full Name: Officer/Director: Officer's Title: Business Address: City: State:

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Michael D. Baker Officer.Director Executive Vice Pres. 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati OH 45263

Robert P. Niehaus Officer Director Executive Vice Pres. 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati OH

Paul L. Reynolds Officer Secretary 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati OH

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Neal E. Arnold Officer Treasurer 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati OH 45263

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF OHIO, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, J. Kenneth Blackwell, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign corporations; that said records show HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA, INC., an Ohio Corporation, Charter No. 1141868, having its principal location in Toledo, County of Lucas, was incorporated on March 22, 2000, is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



WITNESS my hand and official seal

Cuneth Blackmell

at Columbus, Ohio on

January 30, 2001

J. Kenneth Blackwell Secretary of State