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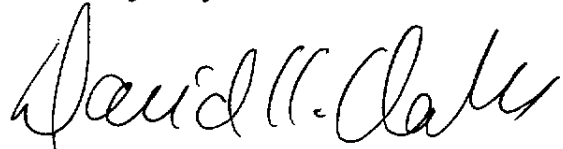
Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: **J. F. BRAUN & SONS, INC.**
Application for Foreign Corporation

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an original and two copies of the Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida for J. F. BRAUN & SONS, INC. Our client's check for the filing fee is enclosed in the amount of \$70.00. Please return two stamped copies of the application to our office. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,



David K. Oaks

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December 23, 2002

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SUBJECT: J.F. BRAUN & SONS, INC.
Ref. Number: W02000035637

We have received your document for J.F. BRAUN & SONS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The date first transacted business in Florida within the meaning of s. 607.1501 or 608.501, F.S., must be set forth in section 6 of the application. If the corporation/limited liability company has not yet transacted business in Florida within this meaning, please insert the words "upon qualification" in lieu of a date. (Note: Pursuant to s. 607.1502(4), F.S., this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year other than the application filing year, that a foreign corporation or limited liability company transacts business in this state without authority along with the past annual report/uniform business report fees due this office.)

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Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6958.

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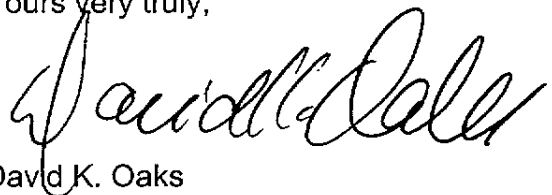
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Re: J. F. BRAUN & SONS, INC.
Ref. Number: W0200035637

Dear Mr. Rivers:

Enclosed please find a copy of your letter dated December 23, 2002 together with the original and two copies of the Application By Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida. We have completed paragraph six on the application. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,



David K. Oaks

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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.*

1. J. F. BRAUN & SONS, 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. New York 3. 22-3671702
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. 9/1/99 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. Upon Qualification
(Date first 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. 265 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590
(Principal office address)
- Same as above
(Current mailing address)
8. Sale of Dried Fruits & Nuts
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)
9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)
- Name: DAVID K. OAKS, ESQ.
- Office Address: 407 East Marion Avenue, Suite 101
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
(City) (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.

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

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: George G. Gellert

Address: 265 Post Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590

Vice Chairman: Robert S. Gellert

Address: 265 Post Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590

Director: Andrew M. Gellert

Address: 265 Post Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: Gerald A. Vogel

Address: 265 Post Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590

Vice President: Edward Howard

Address: 265 Post Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590

Secretary: Barbara Herreras

Address: 265 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

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

13. ☒ *Gerald A. Vogel*

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

14. Gerald A. Vogel, President

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

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State of New York | **ss:**
Department of State

I hereby certify, that the Certificate of Incorporation of J.F. BRAUN & SONS, INC. was filed on 08/09/1999, with perpetual duration, and that a diligent examination has been made of the Corporate index for documents filed with this Department for a certificate, order, or record of a dissolution, and upon such examination, no such certificate, order or record has been found, and that so far as indicated by the records of this Department, such corporation is a subsisting corporation.

*Witness my hand and the official seal
of the Department of State at the City
of Albany, this 15th day of November
two thousand and two.*

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