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Re: Preferred Risk Financial, Inc.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$35.00 to cover your fee for filing the articles of amendment. Also enclosed is a letter from Preferred Risk Financial, Inc. with attachments. Please date stamped the copy of the letter from Carol A. Curnes and return to our office in the enclosed envelope.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Clyde W. Galloway, Jr.

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SUBJECT: PREFERRED RISK FINANCIAL, INC.
Ref. Number: F94000003280

We have received your document for PREFERRED RISK FINANCIAL, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED NEEDS A FEW CORRECTIONS. NUMBER 3 SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE CORRECT OF 06/22/1994.

NUMBER 4 SHOULD READ "FILED 12/1/97 TO BE EFFECTIVE 2/1/98."

NUMBER 5 SHOULD SHOW THE NEW NAME READING "THE GUIDANT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC." PLEASE ADD THE WORD "THE".

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) 487-6880.

Karen Gibson
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 698A00004449

SECTION I
(1-3 MUST BE COMPLETED)

EFFECTIVE DATE
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SECTION II
(4-7 COMPLETE ONLY THE APPLICABLE CHANGES)

New Duration

New Jurisdiction

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Signature

Thomas C. Farr
Typed or printed name

December 15,
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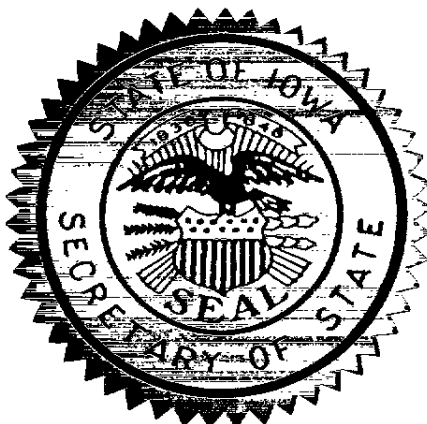
PREFERRED RISK FINANCIAL, INC.
NANCY BRUCE/LEGAL DEPT.
1111 ASHWORTH RD
WEST DES MOINES IA 50265

CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

Name PREFERRED RISK FINANCIAL, INC.
Date 04/22/1992

I, PAUL D. PATE, secretary of the state of the state of Iowa, custodian of the records of incorporations, certify that the corporation named on this certificate is in existence and was duly incorporated under the laws of Iowa on the date printed above, with perpetual duration, that all fees required by the Iowa Business Corporation Act have been paid by the corporation, that the most recent annual corporate report required by Iowa Code chapter 490 has been filed by the secretary of state, and that articles of dissolution have not been filed.

I further certify that according to the records in this office the above named corporation filed an amendment on 12/01/1997, changing corporate name from PREFERRED RISK FINANCIAL, INC. to THE GUIDANT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., effective on 02/01/1998.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul D. Pate".

SECRETARY OF STATE