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May 19, 2003

Via Round Trip Federal Express

Division of Corporations Department of State 409E Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re:

Benevento Financial, LLC/Benevento Financial, Inc. Merger

Our File No. 18229.1

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Gentlemen:

I enclose the original and one copy of each of the following for filing as soon as possible:

- Articles of Merger for Benevento Financial, Inc. to merge into Benevento 1) Financial, LLC;
- 2) Plan of Merger,
- 3) Your letter indicating receipt of our \$70 filing fee.

Please call me if you have any questions or if additional information is required.

Sincerely yours,

Polly S. Sampson

Corporate Paralegal



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Glenda E. Hood Secretary of State

May 15, 2003

POLLY S. SAMPSON WEST & FEINBERG, P.C. 4550 MONTGOMERY AVENUE, SUITE 775N BETHESDA, MD 20814

SUBJECT: BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, LLC

Ref. Number: L03000017527

We have received your document for BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, LLC 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 plan of merger must be attached/included.

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) 245-6913.

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ARTICLES OF MERGER

The following articles of merger are being submitted in accordance with section(s) 607.1109, 608.4382, and/or 620.203, Florida Statutes.

<u>FIRST:</u> The exact name, street address of its principal office, jurisdiction, and entity type for each <u>merging</u> party are as follows:

Name and Street Address	<u>Jurisdiction</u>		Entity Type
1. BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, INC.	FLORIDA		CORPORATION
101 N. Clematis Street, Suite 507, West Palm Beach,			
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(Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary)

SECOND: The exact name, street address of its principal office, jurisdiction, and entity type of the **surviving** party are as follows:

Name and Street Address	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	Entity Type
BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, LLC	FL	rrc
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THIRD: The attached Plan of Merger meets the		
and/or 620.201, Florida Statutes, and was approve	ed by each domestic corporatio	n, limited liability company,
partnership and/or limited partnership that is a pa	rty to the merger in accordance	with Chapter(s) 607, 617, 608,
and/or 620, Florida Statutes.		mg 🕳 🗖
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FOURTH: If applicable, the attached Plan of Merger was approved by the other business entity(ies) that is/are party(ies) to the merger in accordance with the respective laws of all applicable jurisdictions.

FIFTH: If not incorporated, organized, or otherwise formed under the laws of the state of Florida, the surviving entity hereby appoints the Florida Secretary of State as its agent for substitute service of process pursuant to Chapter 48, Florida Statutes, in any proceeding to enforce any obligation or rights of any dissenting shareholders, partners, and/or members of each domestic corporation, partnership, limited partnership and/or limited liability company that is a party to the merger.

SIXTH: If not incorporated, organized, or otherwise formed under the laws of the state of Florida, the surviving entity agrees to pay the dissenting shareholders, partners, and/or members of each domestic corporation, partnership, limited partnership and/or limited liability company that is a party to the merger the amount, if any, to which they are entitled under section(s) 607.1302, 620.205, and/or 608.4384, Florida Statutes.

SEVENTH: If applicable, the surviving entity has obtained the written consent of each shareholder, member or person that as a result of the merger is now a general partner of the surviving entity pursuant to section(s) 607.1108(5), 608.4381(2), and/or 620.202(2), Florida Statutes.

EIGHTH: The merger is permitted under the respective laws of all applicable jurisdictions and is not prohibited by the agreement of any partnership or limited partnership or the regulations or articles of organization of any limited liability company that is a party to the merger.

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NINTH: The merger shall becor	ne effective as of:	
The date the Articles of Merg	er are filed with Florida Departme	nt of State
<u>OR</u>		
(Enter specific date. NOTE:	Date cannot be prior to the date of	f filing.)
TENTH: The Articles of Merger applicable jurisdiction.	r comply and were executed in acc	fordance with the laws of each party's
ELEVENTH: SIGNATURE(S) FO	DR FACH PARTY	ARY (SSEE
(Note: Please see instructions f	or required signatures.)	## 2 (
Name of Entity	Signature(s)	Typed or Printed Name of Individual
BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, INC	F 5 9/2	FRANK A. BENEVENTO II
		PRESIDENT
BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, LLC	603 Z	FRANK A. BENEVENTO II
		MEMBER/MANAGER

(Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary)

PLAN OF MERGER OF

BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, INC. INTO BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, LLC

The following Plan of Merger, which was adopted and approved by each party to the merger in accordance with Sections 607.1107, 617-1103, 608.4381, and/or 620.202, is being submitted in accordance with Sections 607.1108, 608.438 and/or 620.201, Florida Statutes:

FIRST: The exact name and jurisdiction of each merging party are as follows

Name Jurisdiction

Benevento Financial, Inc. Florida

SECOND: The exact name and jurisdiction of the surviving party is as follows:

<u>Name</u> <u>Jurisdiction</u>

Benevento Financial, LLC Florida

THIRD: The terms and conditions of the merger are as follows:

- A. Benevento Financial, Inc., a Florida corporation ("Merging Corporation") and Benevento Financial, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("Surviving Company") have agreed that the Merging Corporation shall merge with and into the Surviving Company and the separate corporation existence of the Merging Corporation shall cease.
- B. The name and state of incorporation/formation of the Merging Corporation and the Surviving Company are set forth below:

Name Jurisdiction

Benevento Financial, Inc. Florida
Benevento Financial, LLC Florida

C. The principal place of business of the Merging Corporation is: 101 N. Clematis Street, Suite 507, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, and the principal place of business of the Surviving Company is: 101 N. Clematis Street, Suite 507, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

- D. The terms and conditions of this transaction were advised, authorized and approved by each of the Merging Corporation and Surviving Company in the manner and by the vote required by their respective Charters, Bylaws/Operating Agreement and the laws of the State of Florida.
- E. The Charter and Operating Agreement of the Surviving Company shall not be amended by the merger.
- F. This Plan of Merger was submitted to the shareholders of the Merging Corporation and to the members of the Surviving Company in accordance with the provisions of the Florida General Corporation Act and the Florida Limited Liability Company Act. The total number of shares of common stock which the Merging Corporation is authorized to issue, and number of shares currently issued and outstanding and entitled to be cast and the par value of such shares are as follows:

Name of	Authorized	Par	fssued and Outstanding Shares
Corporation	Shares	Value	
Benevento Financial, Inc.	1,000	\$1	500

G. The total number of shares of common stock of the Merging Corporation and the number of membership percentages of the Surviving Company which voted for and against the merger are set forth below:

Name of Entity	Votes For	Votes Against
Benevento Financial, Inc.	500	-0-
Benevento Financial, LLC	100%	-0-

H. On the Effective Date of the merger each share of issued and outstanding common stock of the Merging Corporation shall be surrendered and cancelled without consideration. No additional membership interests of the Surviving Company shall be issued upon the merger.

FOURTH: The name and address of the manager of the Surviving Company is: Frank A. Benevento II, 101 N. Clematis Street, Suite 507, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Benevento Financial, Inc. and Benevento Financial, LLC have caused these Articles of Merger to be signed in their respective names on this _____ day of May, 2003, and the undersigned President of Benevento Financial, Inc. and Member of Benevento Financial, LLC acknowledge these Articles of Merger to be the act of the Corporation and Company, respectively, and to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, the matters and

facts set forth in these Articles of Merger with respect to its authorization and approval are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penaltics for perjury.

ATTEST:

Frank A. Benevento II. Secretary

WITNESS

BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, INC. MERGING CORPORATION

Frank A. Benevento II, President

BENEVENTO FINANCIAL, LLC SURVIVING COMPANY

Frank A. Benevento II, Member/Manager

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