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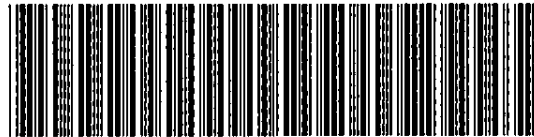
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SUBJECT: Florida Community Financial Services Association, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: Warren Husband  
Name (Printed or typed)

P.O. Box 10909  
Address

Tallahassee, FL 32302  
City, State & Zip

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE  
FLORIDA COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SERVICES  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, being a natural person, hereby acts as an incorporator in adopting and filing the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit business corporation.

**Article I - Name**

The name of the Corporation is the Florida Community Financial Services Association, Inc.

**Article II - Principal Office**

The street address of the initial principal office of the Corporation is 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 505, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1804. The mailing address is P.O. Box 10909, Tallahassee, FL 32302-2909.

**Article III - Corporate Duration**

The Corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

**Article IV - Nature and Purpose**

The purpose for which this Corporation has been formed is to unite those businesses licensed under Parts II, III, and/or IV of Chapter 560, Florida Statutes, that are committed to providing convenient and accessible financial services to the residents of their local communities, at numerous locations and across multiple Florida counties, while upholding the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, with the aim of furthering, by all proper and legitimate means, the following objectives:

- A. To provide information to members that will improve their ability to operate responsibly;
- B. To increase public recognition of the positive contributions of the industry to the Florida economy;

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- C. To represent the interests of its members before the Florida legislature and Florida regulatory agencies; and
- D. To foster and promote goodwill among its members.

The Corporation is formed to operate exclusively for such purposes as would qualify it as an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provision(s) of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under the Code.

#### Article V - Powers

The Corporation shall have and exercise any and all power that corporations have and may exercise under the laws of the State of Florida, except such powers as are inconsistent with the express provisions of these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws.

#### Article VI - Membership

The Corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Board of Directors. The authorized number and qualification of members of the Corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

#### Article VII - Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 505, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1804. The mailing address is P.O. Box 10909, Tallahassee, FL 32302-2909. The initial registered agent for the Corporation at that address is Warren Husband.

#### Article VIII - Directors

Subject to the limitations of these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, concerning any corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the Corporation, all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The number and method of election of Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members. This number may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Corporation's Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The name and address of each person who is to serve as a member of the initial Board of Directors are:

Ian A. MacKechnie  
Amscot Financial  
600 N. Westshore Blvd, Suite 1200  
Tampa, FL 33609

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Eric Norrington  
ACE Cash Express  
1231 Greenway Drive  
Irving, TX 75038

Melissa Soper  
DFC Global  
1436 Lancaster Ave, Suite 300  
Berwyn, PA 19312

Rob Grieser  
Community Choice Financial  
7001 Post Road, Suite 200  
Dublin, OH 43016

#### Article IX - Officers

The Corporation shall have as officers a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may appoint a chairman of the Board, one or more additional vice-presidents, one or more assistant secretaries, one or more assistant treasurers, and such other officers as the business of the Corporation may require. The following persons shall serve as the initial officers of the Corporation: President - Ian A. MacKechnie; Vice President - Eric Norrington; and Secretary/Treasurer – Rob Grieser.

#### Article X - Incorporator

The name and street address of the person acting as incorporator and signing these Articles of Incorporation is Warren Husband, 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 505, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1804.

#### Article XI - Dedication of and Distribution of Assets

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes of the Corporation and no part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any Director, Officer, or Member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual. However, the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provision(s) of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### Article XII - Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation, exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation, or to such organizations formed and operated exclusively for such purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision(s) of any subsequent federal tax laws), as the Board of Directors shall determine.


#### Article XIII - Bylaws

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws and any limitations set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, concerning any corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the Membership of the Corporation, the Bylaws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors or by any other procedure set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### Article XIV - Amendment


The Corporation reserves the right to amend, add to, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, in a manner consistent with law and in conformity with the Corporation's Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2013.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Warren Husband  
Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the Florida Community Financial Services Association, Inc., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to section 617.0501(3), Florida Statutes.

  
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Warren Husband  
January 22, 2013

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