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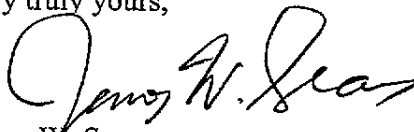
Re: The Florida Surety Association, Inc.  
Our File No. 99-11

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are Articles of Incorporation of The Florida Surety Association, Inc. for filing. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$70.00 which has been calculated as follows: \$35.00 for filing the Articles of Incorporation and \$35.00 for the Designation of and Acceptance by Registered Agent.

Also enclosed is an additional copy of the Articles. Please date stamp it on the date filed and return it to me along with the Certificate of Incorporation.

Very truly yours,

  
James W. Sears

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE FLORIDA SURETY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is THE FLORIDA SURETY ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing at the time of filing of these articles by the Department of State of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of the betterment of the surety industry.

ARTICLE IV

VOTING RIGHTS

The right to vote is limited as determined by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial principal office is 2600 Lucien way, Suite 130, Maitland, FL 32751 and the mailing address of the corporation is P.O. Box 946640, Maitland, Florida 32794-6640.

## ARTICLE VI

### INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 511 N. Ferncreek Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is JAMES W. SEARS.

## ARTICLE VII

### INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws but shall never be less than three (3). The method of election of directors shall be stated in the Bylaws. the names and addresses of the initial directors of this corporation are: Matthew E. Curran, 2600 Lucien Way, Suite 130, Maitland, Florida 32751, Scott Salandi, 5 Concourse Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30358, and D. J. Conroy, 610 Crescent Executive Court, Suite 300, Lake Mary, Florida 32795.

## ARTICLE VIII

### INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these articles is MATTHEW E. CURRAN, 2600 Lucien Way, Suite 130, Maitland, FL 32751.

## ARTICLE IX

### INCORPORATION

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment to them, and any right conferred upon the members is subject to reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of  
Incorporation this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999.

Matthew E. Curran

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
1999 by MATTHEW E. CURRAN.

Judith A. Zellers  
Notary Public

JUDITH A. ZELLERS  
(Printed Name)

JUDITH A. ZELLERS  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My commission expires: My comm. expires Oct. 21, 1999  
No. CC 499040

Personally known  or Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Identification Produced N/A

ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

I, JAMES W. SEARS, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am a resident of the State of Florida,  
have been nominated to be the initial registered agent for THE FLORIDA SURETY  
ASSOCIATION, INC. and I hereby accept this appointment as initial registered agent. My address  
is 511 N. Ferncreek Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803.

James W. Sears  
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