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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION RUTH GROCERY, INC.

SECRIFICATION PHIE. OO The undersigned Incorporator for the purpose of forming a corporation under Chapter 60 Florida Statutes, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I- NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is RUTH GROCERY, INC. The business mailing address of the corporation is 2102 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa, Florida 33607.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III - SHARES OF STOCK

The aggregate number of shares which the corporation is authorized to issue is One Thousand (1,000). Such shares shall be of a single class and shall have a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any business that a corporation may engage in under the laws of the State of Florida.

<u> ARTICLE V - INITIAL SUBSCRIBER</u>

The initial subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is GEBRELWA N. WOLDEGIORGIS, whose address is 3324 West Nassau Street, Tampa, Florida 33607.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Officers and Directors shall be duly elected by the Bylaws of the corporation and shall serve until the next election or their resignation. The Officers and Directors may either be increased or decreased from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than one.

ARTICLE VII - BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be made by the Initial Subscriber. The Bylaws shall be adopted and may be amended in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The Articles of Incorporation of the corporation may be amended by resolution of the Board of Directors, approved by the members of the corporation, as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX - RESIDENT OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The Resident Office and the Registered Agent of the corporation shall be, **BUDDY D.**FORD, ESQUIRE, 115 N. MacDill Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609.

The undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this day of June, 2001.

GEBRELWA N. WOLDEGIORGIS

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 54 day of June, 2001, by GEBRELWA N. WOLDEGIORGIS who has produced Driver's License # 4432-294-13-628 identification and who did take an oath.

Nancy K Chaffin

My Commission CC748382

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State of Florida at Large (Seal)

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT / REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provision of section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the mentioned corporation, organized under the laws of the state of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is RUTH GROCERY, INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is Buddy D. Ford, Esquire, 115 N. MacDill Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33609.

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, 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 RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

DATED on this // day of June, 2001.

BUDDY D. FORD, ESQUIRE 115 N. MacDill Avenue Tampa, Florida 33609 (813) 877-4669

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