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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# MORTGAGE BENEFIT SERVICES, INC.

## ARTICLE I. CORPORATE NAME.

The name of this Corporation shall be MORTGAGE BENEFIT SERVICES, INC. The principal place of business of the corporation shall be 256 NORTH KENTUCKY AVENUE, LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33801.

#### ARTICLE II. DURATION.

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing upon filing of these articles.

#### ARTICLE III. NATURE OF CORPORATE BUSINESS.

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this Corporation is to engage in any and all business permitted under the laws of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK.

This Corporation is authorized to issue a maximum of 1000 shares at \$1.00 par value. The Corporation is authorized to issue only one class of stock, and all issued stock shall be held of record by not more than 35 persons. Stock will be issued and transferred only to natural persons, estates, or a trust defined in Section 1361 (c)(2) (or its successor section) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, no stock shall be issued or transferred to a nonresidential alien.

#### ARTICLE V. REGISTERED AGENT AND INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE.

The Corporation's initial Registered Agent and Registered Office in the United States and Florida shall be:

E. ALAN WILDER 256 NORTH KENTUCKY AVENUE LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33801 The Board of Directors from time to time may move the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida. The principal Office address is the same as the Registered Agent's address.

## ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Corporation shall have two (2) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by bylaws adopted by the stockholders, but shall never be less than one. The name of the initial director of this Corporation and his street address is:

WILLIAM C. BERRY 4310 SOUTH FLORIDA AVENUE LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33813

E. ALAN WILDER 256 NORTH KENTUCKY AVENUE LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33801

## ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR.

The name and post office address of the Incorporator executing these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

# J. SCOTT REED 2018 SOUTH FLORIDA AVENUE LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33803

# ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders and approved at a stockholders' meeting by at least a majority of the stockholders entitled to vote, unless all of the directors and all of the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as Incorporator, has executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2001.

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# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, duly authorized to take acknowledgments, personally appeared, J. SCOTT REED, known to me to be the person described as Incorporator in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, or who has produced a as identification and who acknowledged before me (and who did not take an oath) that he executed the same.

WITNESS MY hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this day of September 2001.

NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL LINDA MANION NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION NO. CC931850 MY COMMISSION EXP. MAY 22,2004

# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

That MORTGAGE BENEFIT SERVICES, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, the corporation named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation has named E. ALAN WILDER, whose address is 256 NORTH KENTUCKY AVENUE, LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33801, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named statutory agent of said corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2001.

SCOTT REED

