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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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#### **OF**

# BENCHMARK FLORIDA MORTGAGE CORP.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the corporation is BENCHMARK FLORIDA MORTGAGE CORP.

# ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is 4280 Tamiami Trail East, Ste. 302, Naples, FL 34112.

# ARTICLE III: CAPITAL STOCK

The number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is one-thousand (1000) shares having a (1.00) par value.

## ARTICLE IV: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The name and address of the initial registered agent is David McElrath. P.A. 3838 Tamiami Trail, North, #410, Naples, FL 34103.

### ARTICLE V: INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is Capital Connection, Inc., 417 E. Virginia St., Suite 1, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

## ARTICLE VI: INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The name and address of the initial board of Directors of the corporation is George Pastoor, 4280 Tamiami Trail East, Ste. 302, Naples, FL 34112.

#### ARTICLE VII: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

It is the intent of the incorporator and directors that the corporation qualify under Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code and that the corporation file as a Sub S Corporation. Such actions as are necessary will be taken by the appropriate officers to accomplish this compliance.

The undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 8th day of January 2002. Capital Connection, Inc., by Leilani White, Client Representative

#### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION

#### REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions 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 corpor                            | ation is:_  | BENCHMARK F | LORIDA MORTGA | GE       |
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| 2.       | The name ar                            | nd street ac                          | ddress of t | the registe | red agent and | 0863.00  |
| is:      | DAVID                                  | MCELRATH                              | 1. P.A.     |             | rea agent and | OTITUE   |
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HAVE 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.

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