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November 21, 2002

Secretary of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: HELMS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation, together with a check in the amount of \$70.00. This check represents the cost of the filing fees. Please be advised that Helms Financial Group, L.L.C. (Document # L990000063962) has the same ownership as this new corporation, Helms Financial Group, Inc. I called the Division of Corporations and was told that because ownership is the same the name Helms Financial Group, Inc. is ok to use and would be approved. Please contact me at (813) 286-7946 if there are any questions.

Respectfully,

Scott F. Nelson

Certified Public Accountant

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of HELMS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

The undersigned subscriber(s) to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person(s) competent to contract, hereby form a corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I - CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is: HELMS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

#### ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be

418 PALMETTO CRESCENT NOKOMIS, FL 34275

#### **ARTICLE III - DURATION**

The corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to Florida law.

#### ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE

The corporation is organized for the purpose of engaging in any activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

#### <u>ARTICLE V - CAPITAL STOCK</u>

The corporation is authorized to issue one thousand shares (1,000) of one Dollar (\$1.00) par value Common Stock, which shall be designated as "Common Shares."

To the extent permitted by law, said stock shall be issued pursuant to a plan under Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

#### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and street address of the Initial Registered Agent of this Corporation is:

SCOTT F. NELSON 200 SOUTH HOOVER BLVD. BLDG. 201, SUITE 140 TAMPA, FLORIDA 33609

#### ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have one (1) director(s) initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than one (1). The names and addresses of the initial director(s) of the corporation are as follows:

JOHN E. HELMS 418 PALMETTO CRESCENT **NOKOMIS, FL 34275** 

#### ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the person(s) signing these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

SCOTT F. NELSON 200 SOUTH HOOVER BLVD. **BLDG. 201, SUITE 140** TAMPA, FLORIDA 33609

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber(s) have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 2/ day of November 2002.

#### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

before me, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared SCOTT F. NELSON, known to me and known to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREQF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, in the State and

County aforesaid, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November 2002.

(Notary Seal)

My Commission expires:

(Notary Public, State of Florida at large)

### CERTIFICATE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED AGENT OF HELMS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 48.091 and 607.034, the following is submitted:

The above corporation, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its registered agent as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at 200 SOUTH HOOVER BLVD, BLDG 201, SUITE 140, TAMPA, FLORIDA 33609 has named SCOTT F. NELSON, located at the aforesaid address, as its Registered Agent to accept service of process within this state.

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida Law in keeping open said office.