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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MERINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STA

The undersigned subscriber hereby files these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit in accordance with the Florida Business Corporation Act, Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE I NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation is Merino's Italian Restaurant, Inc. (the "Corporation"). The mailing address of the Corporation is 6402 North Lynn Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33604.

ARTICLE II CAPITAL STOCK

The Corporation is authorized to issue 100,000 shares of \$.01 par value common stock.

ARTICLE III CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND DURATION

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual commencing on the date that the Articles of Incorporation are accepted for filing by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV CORPORATE PURPOSE

The Corporation may engage in any business or activities which are permitted under the laws of the State of Florida, the laws of the United States of America, and the laws of any state or territory in which the Corporation does business or otherwise engages in activities.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTOR

The initial director for the Corporation will be:

Michael L. Merino

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 4023 North Armenia Avenue, Suite 400, Tampa, Florida 33607, and the initial registered agent is Ricardo A. Roig, Esq. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, move the location of the registered office to any

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other address in Florida, and may, from time to time, change the registered agent of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator is Ricardo A. Roig, 4023 North Armenia Avenue, Suite 400, Tampa, Florida 33607.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 2nd day of March, 2005.

Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, having been designated as the Registered Agent in the above Articles of Incorporation and having an office at the address specified in those Articles of Incorporation, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position or Registered Agent under Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

Ricardo A. Roig, Esq.