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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FLORIDA FINANCIAL ACQUISITION CORP.

## <u> ARTICLE I - NAME</u>

The name of this corporation is florida Financial Acquisition Corp. (the "Corporation").

## ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation is located at the following address:

Mission Bay Office Plaza Suite 400 20283 State Road 7 Boca Raton, FL 33498

## ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The Corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.

#### <u> ARTICLE IV - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE</u>

The street address of the Corporation's registered office in the State of Florida is Mission Bay Office Plaza, Suite 400, 20283 State Road 7, Boca Raton, FL 33498 and the name of its registered agent at such office is Robert L. Nichols.

#### ARTICLE V - DURATION

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VI - CAPITAL STOCK

The total amount of stock that this Corporation is authorized to issue is Twenty-One Million shares (21,000,000), of which Twenty Million (20,000,000) shares shall be Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), and One Million (1,000,000) shares shall be Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Preferred Stock").

Common Stock. Each holder of record of Common Stock shall have the right to one vote for each share of Common Stock registered in their name on the books of the Corporation on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders except as the right to exercise such vote may be limited by the provisions of any class or series of Preferred Stock established hereunder. The holders of Common Stock shall be entitled to such dividends as may be declared

by the Board of Directors from time to time, provided that required dividends, if any, on the Preferred Stock have been paid or provided for. In the event of the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary of the Corporation, the assets and funds of the Corporation available for distribution to stockholders, and remaining after the payment to holders of Preferred Stock of the amounts (if any) to which they are entitled, shall be divided and paid to the holders of the Common Stock according to their respective shares.

- (b) Preferred Stock. The Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The Board of Directors of the Corporation is hereby expressly authorized to provide, by resolution or resolutions duly adopted by it prior to issuance, for the creation of each such series and to fix the designation and the powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions relating to the shares of each such series. The authority of the Board of Directors with respect to each series of Preferred Stock shall include, but not be limited to, determining the following:
- 1. the designation of such series, the number of shares to constitute such series and the stated value if different from the par value thereof;
- 2. whether the shares of such series shall have voting rights, in addition to any voting rights provided by law, and, if so, the terms of such voting rights, which may be general or limited;
- 3. the dividends, if any, payable on such series, whether any such dividends shall be cumulative, and, if so, from what dates, the conditions and dates upon which such dividends shall be payable, and the preference or relation which such dividends shall bear to the dividends payable on any shares of stock of any other class or any other series of Preferred Stock:
- 4. whether the shares of such series shall be subject to redemption by the Corporation, and, if so, the times, prices and other conditions of such redemption;
- 5. the amount or amounts payable upon shares of such series upon, and the rights of the holders of such series in, the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, or upon any distribution of the assets, of the Corporation;
- 6. Whether the shares of such series shall be subject to the operation of a retirement or sinking fund and, if so, the extent to and manner in which any such retirement or sinking fund shall be applied to the purchase or redemption of the shares of such series for retirement or other corporate purposes and the terms and provisions relating to the operation thereof:
- 7. whether the shares of such series shall be convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of stock of any other class or any other series of Preferred Stock or any other securities and, if so, the price or prices or the rate or rates of conversion or exchange and the method, if any, of adjusting the same, and any other terms and conditions of conversion or exchange;

- 8. the limitations and restrictions, if any, to be effective while any shares of such series are outstanding upon the payment of dividends or the making of other distributions on, and upon the purchase, redemption or other acquisition by the Corporation of, the Common Stock or shares of stock of any other class or any other series of Preferred Stock;
- 9. the conditions or restrictions, if any, upon the creation of indebtedness of the Corporation or upon the issue of any additional stock, including additional shares of such series or of any other series of Preferred Stock or of any other class; and
- and other special rights, and any qualifications, limitations and restrictions, thereof.

The powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of each series of Preferred Stock, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, if any, may differ from those of any and all other series at any time outstanding. All shares of any one series of Preferred Stock shall be identical in all respects with all other shares of such series, except that shares of any one series issued at different times may differ as to the dates from which dividends thereof shall be cumulative.

## ARTICLE VII - BYLAW AMENDMENT

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the laws of Florida, each of the Board of Directors and shareholders is expressly authorized and empowered to make, alter, amend, and repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation in any respect not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida or with these Articles of Incorporation. The shareholders of the Corporation may amend or adopt a bylaw that fixes a greater quorum or voting requirement for shareholders (or voting groups of shareholders) than is required by law.

## ARTICLE VIII - KEEPING OF BOOKS

The books of the Corporation may be kept at such place within or without the State of Florida as the Bylaws of the Corporation may provide or as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE IX - DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of at least one director, with the exact number to be fixed from time to time in the manner provided in the Corporation's Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE X - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the sole incorporator is Robert L. Nichols, Mission Bay Office Plaza, Suite 400, 20283 State Road 7, Boca Raton, FL 33498.

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## ARTICLE XI - INDEMNIFICATION

A director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its shareholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for violation of a criminal law, unless the director had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

If the Florida Business Corporation Act hereafter is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of the Corporation's directors shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent authorized by the Florida Business Corporation Act, as amended.

The Corporation shall indemnify and shall advance expenses on behalf of any director, or any former director, of the Corporation to the fullest extent not prohibited by law in existence either now or hereafter.

Any repeal or modification of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

#### ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20th day of May, 2010.

Robert L. Nichols, Incorporator

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## ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in Article IV of these Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete discharge of his duties.

Dated this 20 day of May, 2010.

Robert L. Nichols

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