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# FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

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DREW J. BREAKSPEAR COMMISSIONER

March 21, 2016

Ms. Alison W. Miller Stearns Weaver Miller 150 West Flagler Street Suite 2200 Miami, FL 33130

Re: Marquis Bancorp, Inc.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Reference is made to your recent correspondence requesting approval of the above referenced name which will be the holding company for Marquis Bank, a state of Florida chartered bank located in Coral Gables, Florida.

Section 655.922, Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition of using the word "bank," "banc," "banque," "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union" in its corporate name.

Therefore, this Office will not object to the use of the above referenced name being registered to transact business in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

J. Martin Stubblefield

Director

JMS:dlb

cc: Lyn Shoffstall, Chief, Bureau of Commercial Recordings Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State

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#### **CORPORATE NAME APPROVAL REQUEST**

Pursuant to Section 655.922, Florida Statutes, no person other than a financial institution shall in this state transact business under any name or title that contains the words "bank," "banco", "banque", "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union," or words of similar import, in any context or in any manner.

A proposed corporate name should be definitive enough to differentiate the business to be conducted from that of a commercial bank, trust company, savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union. For example, a mortgage-related business should use the word "mortgage" in its corporate name.

In order for OFR to consider your request for approval to use "bank," "banco", "banque", "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union," or words of similar import, in any context or in any manner in your corporate title, and issue a no objection letter, please provide the following information:

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MARQUIS BANCORP, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE
DIVISION OF CORPORATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0202 of the Florida Business. Corporation Act, the undersigned does hereby execute and submit for filing with the Florida Department of State these Articles of Incorporation as follows:

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the Corporation is Marquis Bancorp, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II - ADDRESS**

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 355 Alhambra Circle, Suite 1200, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

#### ARTICLE III - CAPITAL STOCK

The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation is authorized to issue is 5,500,000 shares, which are divided into two classes consisting of (i) 5,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$5.00 per share, and (ii) 500,000 shares of preferred stock. The preferred stock may be divided into and issued in series or classes by the Board of Directors as set forth below.

The Board of Directors is authorized to divide the preferred stock into series or classes having the par values, relative rights, preferences and limitations as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors. Without limiting the foregoing, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to fix and determine: (i) the number of shares which shall constitute the series or class and the designation of such shares; (ii) the rate and the time at which dividends on that series or class shall be paid and whether, and the extent to which, such dividends shall be cumulative or noncumulative; (iii) the right of the holders of the series or class to vote; (iv) the preferential rights of the holders upon liquidation or distribution of the assets of the Corporation; (v) the terms upon which the holders of any series or class may convert their shares into any other security of the Corporation; and (vi) the terms and conditions upon which the series or class may be redeemed, and the terms and amount of any sinking fund or purchase fund for the purchase or redemption of that series or class.

#### ARTICLE IV - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The address of the registered office of the Corporation is 150 West Flagler Street, Suite 2200, Miami, FL 33130, and the name of the registered agent of the corporation at such address is Alison W. Miller.

#### ARTICLE V - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as Incorporator is as follows:

Name Address

Alison W. Miller 150 West Flagler Street Suite 2200

Miami, FL 33130

## ARTICLE VI - INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation shall indemnify any and all of its directors, officers, employees or agents or former directors, officers, employees or agents or any person or persons who may have served at its request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise in which it owns an equity interest or of which it is a creditor, to the full extent permitted by law. Said indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, the expenses, including the cost of judgments, fines, settlements and counsel's fees, actually and necessarily paid or incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and any appeals thereof, to which any such person or his or her legal representative may be made a party or may be threatened to be made a party by reason of his or her being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent as herein provided. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any director, officer, employee or agent may be entitled as a matter of law or which he or she may be lawfully granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2016.

Alison W. Miller, Incorporator

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#### REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for Marquis Bancorp, Inc., at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned hereby

accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of his duties, and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of his position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 607, Florida Statutes.

Dated: March 17, 2016

Alison W. Miller, Registered Agent

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