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RE: Articles of Incorporation

MORTGAGE EXECUTIVES OF WEST FLORIDA, INC.

(Our File No. 52289)

Dear Sirs or Madams:

Please file the enclosed original Articles of Incorporation for the above referenced corporation. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the cost of filing the Articles of Incorporation, sending a certified copy of the Articles, and designation of the registered agent. The certified copy should be to our office.

Thank you in advance for you attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

BATTAGLIA, ROSS, DICUS & WEIN, P.A.

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MORTGAGE EXECUTIVES OF WEST PLORIDA, INC. SEURE PART OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, adops the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is MORTGAGE EXECUTIVES OF WEST FLORIDA, INC.

ARTICLE II DURATION

The period of its duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose is to engage in any activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the state of Florida.

ARTICLE IV CAPITAL STOCK

The corporation is authorized to issue one hundred (100) shares, all of one class, at \$1.00 par value.

ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and address of the initial registered agent and office of the corporation are as follows:

RESIDENT AGENT CORPORATION
OF PINELLAS COUNTY
980 Tyrone Boulevard
St. Petersburg, Florida 33710

ARTICLE VI CORPORATE ADDRESS

The street address of the initial principal office of the corporation is as follows:

1257 80th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33707

ARTICLE VII INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation in the manner provided by law, but shall never be less than one (1).

The name and address of the initial director of the corporation is:

Name

Address

Monica L. Battaglia

1257 80th Street So. St. Petersburg, FL 33707

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

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

HOWARD P. ROSS, ESQ. 980 Tyrone Blvd. St. Petersburg, FL

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation may be empowered by resolution of the Board of Directors to indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, in the manner set out and provided for in the Bylaws of the corporation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0850 of the Florida Statutes, as amended.

ARTICLE XI INFORMAL ACTION OF DIRECTORS

If a majority of the Directors severally or collectively consent in writing to any action taken or to be taken by the corporation, and the writings evidencing their consent are filed with the Secretary of the corporation as part of the corporate records, the action shall be as valid as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

The power to amend there Articles of Incorporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII TELEPHONE MEETINGS

Members of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee shall be deemed present at a meeting if a conference telephone or similar communications equipment, by means of which all persons participatin in the meeting can hear each other, is used.

ARTICLE XIV DIRECTOR QUORUM AND VOTING

A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the directors of the corporation. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present or, if a director or directors have abstained from voting because of an interest in the matter to be voted upon, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present and voting, shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV DIRECTOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A. No contract or other transaction between the corporation and one (1) or more of the directors, or between the corporation and any other corporation, firm, association or other entity, in which one (1) or more of the directors are directors or officers,

or are financially interested, shall be either void or voidable for this reason alone or by reason alone that such director or directors are present at the meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee thereof which approves such contract or transaction, or that his or their votes are counted for such purpose:

- fact of Ιf the 1. such common directorship, officership or financial interest is disclosed or known to the Board or committee, and the Board or committee approves such contract or transaction by sufficient for such purpose without counting the vote or votes of such interested director or directors; or
- 2. If such common directorship, officership or financial interest is disclosed or known to the shareholders entitled to vote thereon, and such contract or transaction is approved by vote of the shareholders; or
- 3. If the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable as to the corporation at the time it is approved by the Board, a committee or the shareholders.
- B. Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which approves such contract or transaction.

ARTICLE XVI INFORMAL ACTION OF SHAREHOLDENS

Any action of the shareholders may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the actions so taken shall be signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted, and filed with the Secretary of the corporation as part of the corporate records.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation the <u>13th</u> day of November, 1996.

Howard P. Ross, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

Before me personally appeared on this 13th day of November, 1996, HOWARD P. ROSS, who is personally known to me or has produced as identification, and who acknowledged to and before me that (s)he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as Incorporator.

NOTARY PUBLIC

PRINT NAME:

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OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL JOHN C GEACOUPT II NOTARY FUNDED TO THE FLORIDA CONTROL OF THE FLORIDA MY CONTROL OF THE ACT OF 1999 I HEREBY acknowledge that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent for the corporation.

RESIDENT AGENT CORPORATION OF PINELLAS COUNTY, Registered Agent

By: Your /Kon
HOWARD P. ROSS, Vice President

STATE OF PLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared HOWARD P. ROSS, Vice President of the Resident Agent Corporation of Pinellas County, who is personally known to me, and who acknowledge to and before me that he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as Resistered Agent for the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have nereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of November, 1996.

NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL JOHN C GIACOLETTI NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION NO. CC481162 MY COMMISSION EXP. AUG. 24,1999

PRINT NAME: State of Florida

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