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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

December 16, 1996

BRANCH, INC. 1645 PALM BEACH LAKES BLVD. SUITE 400 W. PALM BEACH, FL 33401

SUBJECT: BRANCH, INC. Ref. Number: W96000026331

We have received your document for BRANCH, INC. and check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

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Teresa Brown Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 896A00056049

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

BRANCH WPB, INC.



#### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of the corporation is BRANCH WPB, INC., and its principal business address is 1645 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite #400, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Duration

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Purpose**

This corporation is organized for the transaction of any and all lawful business as allowed under the laws of the State of Florida with respect to corporations, as those laws now exist or as they may hereafter provide.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Capital Stock

This corporation is authorized to issue 500 shares of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) par value common stock.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1645 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite #400, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at the address is WILLIAM B. HAMILTON.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **Incorporators**

The name and address of the person signing these articles is:

WILLIAM B. HAMILTON

1645 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard

Suite #400

West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

#### ARTICLE VII

#### Powers

This corporation shall have all of the corporate powers enumerated in Florida Statutes Section 607.0302.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Indemnification

This corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 607.0850, as the same may be amended and supplemented, indemnify any and all persons whom it shall have power to indemnify under said provision from and against any and all of the expenses, liabilities or other matters referred

to in or covered by said provisions, and the indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### Amendment

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholder(s) is subject to this reservation.

#### ARTICLE X

#### <u>Bylaws</u>

The bylaws may be adopted, altered, amended, or repealed by either the shareholders or the Board of Directors, but the Board of Directors may not amend or repeal any bylaw adopted by shareholders if the shareholders specifically provide such bylaw is not subject to amendment or repeal by the directors.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### Beginning of Corporate Existence

Corporate existence shall begin upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### Officers and Directors

The Offices of the corporation will be performed by the following individuals who are also the Directors of the Corporation:

WILLIAM B. HAMILTON President/Director

NATALIA M. POWELL

Secretary/Treasurer/Director

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 1996.

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing	instrument was	acknowledg	ged before me	this 3'd
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#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

By: William B. Hamilton

DATE: 12/3/96

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