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PROFIT CORPORATION TRANSMITTAL:

Re: Northwest Financial Corp.

Date: January 2, 1997

Enclosed are the original and copy of proposed articles of incorporation with our check for your fees computed as:

Filing fee \$ 35.00 Certified Copy \$ 52.50 Registered agent \$ 35.00

Please certify the copy and return it to us.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

January 13, 1997

HENRY P. TRAWICK, P.A. P O BOX 4019 SARASOTA, FL 34230

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST FINANCIAL CORP.

Ref. Number: W97000000755

We have received your document for NORTHWEST FINANCIAL CORP. 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):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity. Simply adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of an entity name **DOES NOT** constitute a difference. Please select a new name and make the substitution in all appropriate places. One or more words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

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PROFIT CORPORATION TRANSMITTAL:

Re: Sarasota Financial Corp. Date: January 21, 1997

Enclosed are:

- (1) original and copy of proposed articles of incorporation.
- (2) Copy of your letter dated January 13, 1997.

Please file the articles and certify the copy and return it to us.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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BY THESE ARTICLES the incorporator forms a corporation under Act:

- 1. NAME. The name of this corporation is SARASOTA CORPORATION.
- 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE. The address of the principal office of this corporation is 239 Sea Anchor Drive, Osprey, Florida 34229 and its mailing address is P.O. Box 4019, Sarasota, Florida 34230.
- 3. <u>CAPITAL STOCK</u>. This corporation is authorized to issue one class of common stock comprising 50,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 and unlimited voting rights that are entitled to receive the net assets of the corporation on dissolution.
- 4. REGISTERED AGENT. The initial registered agent for the corporation is John Markl and the initial registered office is located at 239 Sea Anchor Drive, Osprey, Florida 34229.
- 5. <u>INCORPORATOR</u>. The name and street address of the incorporator is Julie A. Mullet, 2033 Wood Street, Suite 218, Sarasota, Florida 34237.

DATED on January 16, 1997.

Julie A. Mullet

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED as registered agent for this corporation at the registered office designated in the foregoing articles of incorporation, the undersigned accepts the appointment. The undersigned is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of registered agent for the corporation.

John Markl