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#### ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

**MERGING:** 

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a FL Corp., #M60277

INTO

NLC HOLDINGS, INC. which changed its name to

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Fiorida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 10, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

ARTICLES OF MERGER

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## NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation,

#### with and into

NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation (the "Surviving Corporation")

(Including Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of NLC Holdings, Inc., as Surviving Corporation to change its corporate name to National Lending Center, Inc.)

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, and NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation, adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to NLC Holdings, Inc., the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

- 2. The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of Merger have been filed with the Florida Department of State.
- 3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc.'s stock shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc. into NLC Holdings, Inc. with NLC Holdings, Inc., the surviving corporation.

4. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, the Articles of Incorporation of NLC Holdings, Inc., as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation except that the heading and Article I of said Articles of Incorporation shall be amended to provide that the corporate name shall be National Lending Center, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

Attest:

NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation

Its-Assistant Secretary

ILS EXECUTIVE VILLE PRESIDENT

Attest:

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation

Its Vice President

Emilia Arillo

Its Assistant Secretary

#### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

of

## NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation,

#### with and into

## NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquisition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

#### RECITALS

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida, hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

At the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Certificate of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation

The Articles of Incorporation of Acquisition Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation except that the heading and Article I of said Articles of Incorporation shall be amended to provide that the corporate name shall be NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Bylaws of Surviving Corporation**

The bylaws of Acquisition Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall continue in full force and effect as the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with law.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### Directors and Officers of Surviving Corporation

The duly qualified and acting directors and officers of Acquisition Subsidiary immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Conversion and Exchange of Shares

- A. The manner of converting and exchanging the shares of each of Company and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be as follows:
- 1. At the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of common stock of Company shall have his shares converted into one (1) share of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Purchaser and other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.
- 2. At the Effective Time of the Merger, the holder of capital stock of Acquisition Subsidiary shall have its shares converted into shares of the Surviving Corporation which shall constitute all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time of the Merger.
- B. At or immediately following the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of an outstanding certificate or certificates which prior thereto represented shares of Company's common stock shall surrender same to Company or its designated agent, and each such holder shall be entitled upon such surrender to receive in exchange therefor, a certificate or certificates representing the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the certificate or certificates so surrendered shall have been converted as aforesaid, together with other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization. Until surrendered to and canceled by Company, each certificate, which prior to the Effective Time of the Merger represented outstanding shares of Company's common stock, shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the same shall have been converted.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### Earned Surplus of Surviving Corporation

The earned surplus of the Surviving Corporation shall equal the aggregate of the earned surpluses of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger. The earned surplus determined as above provided shall continue to be available for payment of dividends by the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### Effective Time of Merger

The "Effective Time" of the Merger shall be at the close of business on the date on which Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State.

regarding the Effective Time shall not modify or amend the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, including without limitation the provisions contained therein that the "Effective Time" for purposes of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization shall be 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997 and that the parties shall give effect to July 1, 1997 as the Effective Time to the fullest extent permitted by law.)

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Conditions and Termination

The conditions specified in Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 13, 1997, between Purchaser, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, et al. shall constitute conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties hereto as therein provided and if by reason of the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization either Acquisition Subsidiary or Company are not obligated to consummate this Agreement, then the party or parties not so obligated may terminate this Agreement prior to the Effective Time of the Merger by delivery to the other party or parties of written notice of such termination prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, and thereupon this Agreement shall be terminated without further liability of any party in favor of the others except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

NLC HOLDINGS, INC.

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Thomas G. Middleton

Title: Executive Vice President

Attest:

Name: Laurie S. Williams

Title: Secretary

## NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Mame: Jeffrey Henschel Title: Vice President

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Name: Emilia Arillo
Title: Assistant Secretary

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MERGING:	

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a nonqualified Illinois corp.

INTO

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 10, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

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#### ARTICLES OF MERGER

of

## NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Illinois corporation,

#### with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation) (the "Surviving Corporation")

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Illinois Business Corporation Act and Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., an Illinois corporation, and National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation), adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., an Illinois corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

- 2. The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of Merger have been filed with both the Florida Department of State and the Secretary of State of Illinois.
- 3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc., an Illinois corporation, shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc., an Illinois corporation, into National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, with National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Surviving Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

Attest:

Its SECRETARY

[CORPORATE SEAL]

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation)

By:

ItS EXECUTIVE VILE PRESIDENT

Attest:

Its Assistant Secretary

[CORPORATE SEAL]

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Illinois corporation

Jefftey Henschel
Its Vice President

#### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

of

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Illinois corporation,

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquisition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

#### RECITALS

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida and Illinois, hereby agree as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

At the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Certificate of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation

The Articles of Incorporation of Acquisition Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Bylaws of Surviving Corporation**

The bylaws of Acquisition Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall continue in full force and effect as the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with law.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Directors and Officers of Surviving Corporation**

The duly qualified and acting directors and officers of Acquisition Subsidiary immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### Conversion and Exchange of Shares

- A. The manner of converting and exchanging the shares of each of Company and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be as follows:
- 1. At the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of common stock of Company shall have his shares converted into one (1) share of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Purchaser and other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.
- 2. At the Effective Time of the Merger, the holder of capital stock of Acquisition Subsidiary shall have its shares converted into shares of the Surviving Corporation which shall constitute all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time of the Merger.
- B. At or immediately following the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of an outstanding certificate or certificates which prior thereto represented shares of Company's common stock shall surrender same to Company or its designated agent, and each such holder shall be entitled upon such surrender to receive in exchange therefor, a certificate or certificates representing the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the certificate or certificates so surrendered shall have been converted as aforesaid, together with other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization. Until surrendered to and canceled by Company, each certificate, which prior to the Effective Time of the Merger represented outstanding shares of Company's common stock, shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the same shall have been converted.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **Earned Surplus of Surviving Corporation**

The earned surplus of the Surviving Corporation shall equal the aggregate of the earned surpluses of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger. The earned surplus determined as above provided shall continue to be available for payment of dividends by the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### Effective Time of Merger

The "Effective Time" of the Merger shall be at the close of business on the date on which Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State and the Illinois

Secretary of State. (This Article VII regarding the Effective Time shall not modify or amend the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, including without limitation the provisions contained therein that the "Effective Time" for purposes of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization shall be 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997 and that the parties shall give effect to July 1, 1997 as the Effective Time to the fullest extent permitted by law.)

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Conditions and Termination

The conditions specified in Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 13, 1997, between Purchaser, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, et al. shall constitute conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties hereto as therein provided and if by reason of the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization either Acquisition Subsidiary or Company are not obligated to consummate this Agreement, then the party or parties not so obligated may terminate this Agreement prior to the Effective Time of the Merger by delivery to the other party or parties of written notice of such termination prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, and thereupon this Agreement shall be terminated without further liability of any party in favor of the others except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

> NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings. Inc., a Florida corporation)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: THOMAS G. MIDDLETON

PRESIDENT Title:

Attest:

By:\_

Name: LAURIE S. WOCKENFUSS

Title: SECRETARY

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Illinois corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Jeffrey Henschel Nitle: Vice President

Title:

Name: Emilia Arillo

Title: Assistant Secretary

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#### ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

**MERGING:** 

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a nonqualified Tennessee corp.

INTO

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 10, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

#### ARTICLES OF MERGER

of

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## NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Tennessee corporation,

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation) (the "Surviving Corporation")

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 48-21-105 of the Tennessee Business Corporation and Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, and National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

2. The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of Merger have been filed with both the Florida Department of State and the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, into National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, with National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Surviving Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

Attest:

Its Assistant Secretary

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

ItS EXECUTIVE VILE PRESIDENT

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Tennessee corporation

Veffrey Henschel Its Vice President

**Emilia Arillo** 

Its Assistant Secretary

#### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

of

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Tennessee corporation,

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquisition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

#### **RECITALS**

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida and Tennessee, hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

## Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

At the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

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#### Earned Surplus of Surviving Corporation

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The "Effective Time" of the Merger shall be at the close of business on the date on which Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State and the Tennessee

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#### Conditions and Termination

The conditions specified in Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 13, 1997, between Purchaser, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, et al. shall constitute conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties hereto as therein provided and if by reason of the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization either Acquisition Subsidiary or Company are not obligated to consummate this Agreement, then the party or parties not so obligated may terminate this Agreement prior to the Effective Time of the Merger by delivery to the other party or parties of written notice of such termination prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, and thereupon this Agreement shall be terminated without further liability of any party in favor of the others except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Discust 6 04.004.570

Name: THOMAS G. MIDDLETON
Title: EXECUTIVE DICE PRESIDENT

Attest: Name: LAURIE S. WILLIAMS

Title: SECRETARY

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NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a

Tennessee corporation

Name: Jeffrey Henschel Title: Vice President

Attest:

Name: Emilia Arillo

Title: Assistant Secretary

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## ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet MERGING:

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a nonqualified Wisconsin corp.

INTO

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 10, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

#### ARTICLES OF MERGER

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NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Wisconsia stock (for profit) corporation,

#### with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida non-licensed corporation) (the "Surviving Corporation")

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 180.1103, 180.1105 and 180.1107 of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law and Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Non-Surviving Corporation"), and National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation (the "Surviving Corporation"), adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

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- 2. The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of Merger have been filed with both the Florida Department of State and the Secretary of State of Wisconsin.
- 3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, into National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, with National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Surviving Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

Attest:

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

ILS SECRETARY

ItS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Attest:

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Wisconsin corporation

Its Vice President

Emilia Arillo

Its Assistant Secretary

#### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

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NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Wisconsin corporation,

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquinition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

#### RECITALS

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida and Wisconsin, hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

## Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

Pursuant to Section 180.1103 of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law, at the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Certificate of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation

The Articles of Incorporation of Acquisition Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Bylaws of Surviving Conjugation**

The bylaws of Acquisition Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall continue in full force and effect as the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with law.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Directors and Officers of Surviving Comoration

The duly qualified and acting directors and officers of Acquisition Subsidiary immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Conversion and Exchange of Shares

- A. The manner of converting and exchanging the shares of each of Company and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be as follows:
- 1. At the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of common stock of Company shall have each share of the Company converted into 3.66 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Purchaser and Fifty Dollars (\$50) in cash.
- 2. At the Effective Time of the Merger, the holder of capital stock of Acquisition Subaidiary shall have its shares converted into shares of the Surviving Corporation which shall constitute all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time of the Merger.
- B. At or immediately following the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of an outstanding certificate or certificates which prior thereto represented shares of Company's common stock shall surrender same to Company or its designated agent, and each such holder shall be entitled upon such surrender to receive in exchange therefor, a certificate or certificates representing the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the certificate or certificates so surrendered shall have been converted as aforesaid, together with other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization. Until surrendered to and canceled by Company, each certificate, which prior to the Effective Time of the Merger represented outstanding shares of Company's common stock, shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the same shall have been converted.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **Earned Surplus of Surviving Comporation**

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#### ARTICLE VII

#### Effective Time of Merger

The "Effective Time" of the Merger shall be at the close of business on the date on which Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State and the Wisconsin

Department of Financial Institutions Division of Corporate and Consumer Services. (This Article VII regarding the Effective Time shall not modify or amend the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, including without limitation the provisions contained therein that the "Effective Time" for purposes of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization shall be 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997 and that the parties shall give effect to July 1, 1997 as the Effective Time to the fullest extent permitted by law.)

\* For accounting purposes only.

ARTICLE VIII

# Conditions and Termination

The conditions specified in Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 13, 1997, between Purchaser, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, et al. shall constitute conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties hereto as therein provided and if by reason of the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization either Acquisition Subsidiary or Company are not obligated to consummate this Agreement, then the party or parties not so obligated may terminate this Agreement prior to the Effective Time of the Merger by delivery to the other party or parties of written notice of such termination prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, and thereupon this Agreement shall be terminated without further liability of any party in favor of the others except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

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Name: Thomas G. Middleton

Title: Executive Vice President

Attest:

Name: Laurie S. Williams

Title: Secretary

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Wisconsin corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Jeffrey Henschel Title: Vice President

Attest:

Name: Emilia Arillo
Title: Assistant Secretary

ADDENDUM ·

TO ARTICLE V, A. I. OF PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER BY AND BETWEEN NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Wisconsin corporation and

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

The additional consideration shall be paid in stock, each or a combination of both as determined by application of a formula to the earnings of both Acquisition Subsidiary and certain other corporations which are affiliates.

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# ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet MERGING:

NATIONAL LENDING CORPORATION, a nonqualified Indiana corp.

INTO

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 11, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

#### ARTICLES OF MERGER

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of

# NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Indiana corporation.

#### with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation) (the "Surviving Corporation")

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Indiana Code and Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., an Indiana corporation, and National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation (formerly known as, NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation), adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., an Indiana corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

2. The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of Merger have been filed with both the Florida Department of State and the Secretary of State of Indiana.

3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc., an Indiana corporation, shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc., an Indiana corporation into National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, with National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Surviving Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

Attest:

Its SECRETARY

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation

2).

ILS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Attest:

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Indiana corporation

Veffrey Henschel Its Vice President

Emilia Arillo

Its Assistant Secretary

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#### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

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PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquisition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

#### RECITALS

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida and Indiana, hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

At the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Certificate of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation

The Articles of Incorporation of Acquisition Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Bylaws of Surviving Corporation**

The bylaws of Acquisition Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall continue in full force and effect as the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with law.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### Directors and Officers of Surviving Corporation

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#### ARTICLE V

#### Conversion and Exchange of Shares

- A. The manner of converting and exchanging the shares of each of Company and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be as follows:
- 1. At the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of common stock of Company shall have his shares converted into one (1) share of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Purchaser and other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.
- 2. At the Effective Time of the Merger, the holder of capital stock of Acquisition Subsidiary shall have its shares converted into shares of the Surviving Corporation which shall constitute all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time of the Merger.
- B. At or immediately following the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of an outstanding certificate or certificates which prior thereto represented shares of Company's common stock shall surrender same to Company or its designated agent, and each such holder shall be entitled upon such surrender to receive in exchange therefor, a certificate or certificates representing the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the certificate or certificates so surrendered shall have been converted as aforesaid, together with other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization. Until surrendered to and canceled by Company, each certificate, which prior to the Effective Time of the Merger represented outstanding shares of Company's common stock, shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the same shall have been converted.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

> NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Thomas G. Middleton

Executive Vice President Title:

Attest:

Name:

Laurie S. Williams

Title:

Secretary

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Indiana corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Jeffrey Henschel Title: Vice President

Attest:

Name: Emilia Arillo
Title: Assistant Secretary

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#### ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

**MERGING:** 

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a nonqualified Michigan corp.

INTO

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 11, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

ARTICLES OF MERGER

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# NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Michigan corporation,

#### with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation) (the "Surviving Corporation")

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 284, Public Acts of 1972 and Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., a Michigan corporation, and National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation (formerly known as, NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation), adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Michigan corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

2. The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of Merger have been filed with both the Florida Department of State and the Secretary of State of Michigan.

3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc., a Michigan corporation, shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc., a Michigan corporation, into National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, with National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Surviving Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

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Its SECRETARY

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation)

By: The By ECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Its Assistant Secretary

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC.,

Jeffrey Henschel
Its Vice President

#### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

of

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Michigan corporation.

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquisition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

#### RECITALS

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida and Michigan, hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

At the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Certificate of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation

The Articles of Incorporation of Acquisition Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Bylaws of Surviving Corporation**

The bylaws of Acquisition Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall continue in full force and effect as the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with law.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Directors and Officers of Surviving Corporation

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- A. The manner of converting and exchanging the shares of each of Company and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be as follows:
- 1. At the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of common stock of Company shall have his shares converted into one (1) share of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Purchaser and other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.
- 2. At the Effective Time of the Merger, the holder of capital stock of Acquisition Subsidiary shall have its shares converted into shares of the Surviving Corporation which shall constitute all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time of the Merger.
- B. At or immediately following the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of an outstanding certificate or certificates which prior thereto represented shares of Company's common stock shall surrender same to Company or its designated agent, and each such holder shall be entitled upon such surrender to receive in exchange therefor, a certificate or certificates representing the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the certificate or certificates so surrendered shall have been converted as aforesaid, together with other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization. Until surrendered to and canceled by Company, each certificate, which prior to the Effective Time of the Merger represented outstanding shares of Company's common stock, shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the same shall have been converted.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### Earned Surplus of Surviving Corporation

The earned surplus of the Surviving Corporation shall equal the aggregate of the earned surpluses of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger. The earned surplus determined as above provided shall continue to be available for payment of dividends by the Surviving Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### Effective Time of Merger

The "Effective Time" of the Merger shall be at the close of business on the date on which Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State and the Michigan

Department of Consumer and Industry Services Corporation, Securities and Land Development Bureau. (This Article VII regarding the Effective Time shall not modify or amend the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, including without limitation the provisions contained therein that the "Effective Time" for purposes of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization shall be 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997 and that the parties shall give effect to July 1, 1997 as the Effective Time to the fullest extent permitted by law.)

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### Conditions and Termination

The conditions specified in Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 13, 1997, between Purchaser, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, et al. shall constitute conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties hereto as therein provided and if by reason of the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization either Acquisition Subsidiary or Company are not obligated to consummate this Agreement, then the party or parties not so obligated may terminate this Agreement prior to the Effective Time of the Merger by delivery to the other party or parties of written notice of such termination prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, and thereupon this Agreement shall be terminated without further liability of any party in favor of the others except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

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Name: Thomas G. MIDDLE TON

Title: EXECUTE VICE PRESIDENT

Attest:

Name: LAURIE S. WILLIAMS

Title: SECRETARY

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER; INC., a Michigan corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Jeffrey Henschel Title: Vice President

Attest

Name: Emilia Arillo
Title: Assistant Secretary

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#### ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

**MERGING:** 

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a nonqualified Ohio corp.

INTO

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 10, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

#### ARTICLES OF MERGER

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# NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Ohio corporation,

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation) (the "Surviving Corporation")

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., an Ohio corporation, and National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation (formerly known as, NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation), adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., an Ohio corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by the unanimous written consent of board of directors and thereafter by the unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

2. The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of Merger have been filed with both the Florida Department of State and the Secretary of State of Ohio.

3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc., an Ohio corporation, shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc., an Ohio corporation, into National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, with National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Surviving Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

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ItS SERETARY

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation)

Its EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Attest:

Its Assistant Secretary

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Ohio corporation

Jeffrey Henschel
Its Vice President

#### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

of

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Ohio corporation,

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquisition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

#### RECITALS

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida and Ohio, hereby agree as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

At the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Certificate of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation

The Articles of Incorporation of Acquisition Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Bylaws of Surviving Corporation**

The bylaws of Acquisition Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall continue in full force and effect as the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with law.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Directors and Officers of Surviving Corporation

The duly qualified and acting directors and officers of Acquisition Subsidiary immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Conversion and Exchange of Shares

- A. The manner of converting and exchanging the shares of each of Company and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be as follows:
- 1. At the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of common stock of Company shall have his shares converted into one (1) share of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Purchaser and other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.
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#### ARTICLE VII

#### Effective Time of Merger

The "Effective Time" of the Merger shall be at the close of business on the date on which Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State and the Ohio

Secretary of State. (This Article VII regarding the Effective Time shall not modify or amend the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, including without limitation the provisions contained therein that the "Effective Time" for purposes of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization shall be 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997 and that the parties shall give effect to July 1, 1997 as the Effective Time to the fullest extent permitted by law.)

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### Conditions and Termination

The conditions specified in Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 13, 1997, between Purchaser, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, et al. shall constitute conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties hereto as therein provided and if by reason of the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization either Acquisition Subsidiary or Company are not obligated to consummate this Agreement, then the party or parties not so obligated may terminate this Agreement prior to the Effective Time of the Merger by delivery to the other party or parties of written notice of such termination prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, and thereupon this Agreement shall be terminated without further liability of any party in favor of the others except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name:

Thomas G. Middleton

Title:

Executive Mice President

Attest:

Name: Laurie S. Williams

Title: Secretary

## NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., an Ohio corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Jeffrey Henschel Title: Vice President

Attest:

Name: Emilia Arillo Title: Assistant Secretary Document Number Only

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# ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

**MERGING:** 

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a nonqualified North Carolina corp.

INTO

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 10, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

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### **ARTICLES OF MERGER**

of

# NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a North Carolina corporation,

#### with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC.,
a Florida corporation
(formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC.,
a Florida corporation) (the "Surviving Corporation")

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of Section 55-11-05 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, and National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation), adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

- 2. The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of Merger have been filed with both the Florida Department of State and the Secretary of State of North Carolina.
- 3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc., an Indiana corporation, shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, into National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, with National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Surviving Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

Attest:

Its SECRETARY

[CORPORATE SEAL]

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, (formerly known as NLC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida corporation)

av.

ILS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Attest:

Its Assistant Secretary

[CORPORATE SEAL]

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a North Caroline corporation

Jeffrey Henschel Its Vice President

### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

of

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a North Carolina corporation,

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquisition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

### RECITALS

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida and North Carolina, hereby agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I

### Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

At the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

### **ARTICLE II**

# Certificate of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation

The Articles of Incorporation of Acquisition Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

### ARTICLE III

### **Bylaws of Surviving Corporation**

The bylaws of Acquisition Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall continue in full force and effect as the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with law.

### **ARTICLE IV**

### Directors and Officers of Surviving Corporation

The duly qualified and acting directors and officers of Acquisition Subsidiary immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation.

### ARTICLE V

## Conversion and Exchange of Shares

- A. The manner of converting and exchanging the shares of each of Company and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be as follows:
- 1. At the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of common stock of Company shall have his shares converted into one (1) share of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Purchaser and other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.
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- B. At or immediately following the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of an outstanding certificate or certificates which prior thereto represented shares of Company's common stock shall surrender same to Company or its designated agent, and each such holder shall be entitled upon such surrender to receive in exchange therefor, a certificate or certificates representing the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the certificate or certificates so surrendered shall have been converted as aforesaid, together with other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization. Until surrendered to and canceled by Company, each certificate, which prior to the Effective Time of the Merger represented outstanding shares of Company's common stock, shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the same shall have been converted.

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The earned surplus of the Surviving Corporation shall equal the aggregate of the earned surpluses of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger. The earned surplus determined as above provided shall continue to be available for payment of dividends by the Surviving Corporation.

### ARTICLE VII

# Effective Time of Merger

The "Effective Time" of the Merger shall be at the close of business on the date on which Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State and the North

Carolina Secretary of State. (This Article VII regarding the Effective Time shall not modify or amend the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, including without limitation the provisions contained therein that the "Effective Time" for purposes of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization shall be 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997 and that the parties shall give effect to July 1, 1997 as the Effective Time to the fullest extent permitted by law.)

### ARTICLE VIII

## Conditions and Termination

The conditions specified in Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 13, 1997, between Purchaser, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, et al. shall constitute conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties hereto as therein provided and if by reason of the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization either Acquisition Subsidiary or Company are not obligated to consummate this Agreement, then the party or parties not so obligated may terminate this Agreement prior to the Effective Time of the Merger by delivery to the other party or parties of written notice of such termination prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, and thereupon this Agreement shall be terminated without further liability of any party in favor of the others except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name:

Thomas G. Middleton

Title:

Executive Wice President

Attest:

Name:

Laurie S. Williams

Title:

Secretary

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a North Carolina corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Jeffrey Henschel Title: Vice President

Attest:

Name: Emilia Arillo Title: Assistant Secretary

000034464 **Document Number Only** CT CORPORATION SYSTEM Requestor's Name 80000223**7288--**-07/14/97--01095--005 660 East Jefferson Street \*\*\*\*122.50 \*\*\*\*122.50 Address Tallahassee, FL 32301 222-1092 Zip Phone State City **CORPORATION(S) NAME** () Profit **₩**Merger () Amendment () NonProfit ( ) Limited Liability Co. () Dissolution/Withdrawal () Mark () Foreign () Other UCC Filing () Annual Report () Limited Partnership () Change of R.A. () Reservation () Reinstatement ( )Fic. Name () CUS (A) Certified Copy: () Photo Copies ONLOGA CLOCK () After 4:30 () Call if Problem () Call When Ready Pick Up Walk In () Mail Out Name Availability PLEASE RETURN EXTRA COPIES FILE STAMPED Document Examiner コロ FILNG R. AGENT Updater CERT. COPY 52 Verifier CUS Acknowledgment OVERPAYMENT TOTAL W.P. Verifier

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# ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

**MERGING:** 

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a nonqualified Georgia corp.

INTO

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation, P97000034464

File date: July 10, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Susan Payne

## ARTICLES OF MERGER

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of

# NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Georgia corporation,

### with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation) (the "Surviving Corporation")

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-2-1105 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Sections 607.1105 and 607.1107 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, National Lending Center, Inc., a Georgia corporation, and National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation), adopt the following Articles of Merger:

1. The Plan of Merger is set forth as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Georgia corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the shareholders in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, all as of June 30, 1997.

As to National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Plan of Merger was duly approved and adopted by unanimous written consent of the board of directors and thereafter by unanimous written consent of the sole shareholder in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, all as of June 30, 1997.

The effective date of the merger shall be the first day on which the Articles of
Merger have been filed with both the Florida Department of State and the Secretary of State of
Georgia.

3. Pursuant to the Plan of Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of National Lending Center, Inc., a Georgia corporation, shall be acquired by means of a merger of National Lending Center, Inc., a Georgia corporation, into National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, with National Lending Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, the Surviving Corporation.

4. The Surviving Corporation certifies that a Notice of Merger and a publishing fee of \$40.00 have been mailed or delivered to an authorized newspaper, as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of this 30th day of June, 1997.

Attest:

ItS SECRETARY

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

By: Casauca

ItS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Attest:

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Georgia corporation

**Emilia Arillo** 

Its Assistant Secretary

Jeffrey Henschel
Its Vice President

### PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

of

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Georgia corporation,

with and into

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER (hereinafter called "Agreement") dated as of the 1st day of July, 1997, by and between NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Acquisition Subsidiary") and NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Company").

### RECITALS

All of the outstanding shares of common stock of Acquisition Subsidiary are owned by IMC Mortgage Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchaser"). The boards of directors of Purchaser and Acquisition Subsidiary have determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Acquisition Subsidiary, its shareholder and the shareholders of Purchaser, and the board of directors of Company has determined that it is advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of Company and its shareholders, that Company be merged into Acquisition Subsidiary on the terms herein set forth. The respective boards of directors of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, by resolutions duly adopted, have approved and adopted this Agreement (with the recommendation that this Agreement be approved by the shareholders) and directed that this Agreement be submitted to the shareholders of Company and the shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary, respectively, for approval. The sole shareholder of Acquisition Subsidiary and the shareholders of Company have unanimously approved this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual provisions, agreements and covenants herein contained and in accordance with the applicable statutes of Florida and Georgia, hereby agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I

### Corporate Existence of the Surviving Corporation

At the Effective Time of the merger, Company shall be merged with and into Acquisition Subsidiary, and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation (such merger being hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Merger"). The corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Acquisition Subsidiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger; and the corporate identity, existence, purposes, powers, franchises, rights and immunities of Company shall be merged into the Acquisition Subsidiary and the Surviving Corporation shall be fully vested therewith. The separate existence of Company, except insofar as otherwise specifically provided by law, shall cease at the Effective Time of the Merger whereupon Company and the Acquisition Subsidiary shall be and become one single corporation.

### **ARTICLE II**

# Certificate of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation

The Articles of Incorporation of Acquisition Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall continue in full force and effect as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

#### ARTICLE III

### **Bylaws of Surviving Corporation**

The bylaws of Acquisition Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall continue in full force and effect as the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with law.

### **ARTICLE IV**

### Directors and Officers of Surviving Corporation

The duly qualified and acting directors and officers of Acquisition Subsidiary immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation.

### ARTICLE V

## Conversion and Exchange of Shares

- A. The manner of converting and exchanging the shares of each of Company and Acquisition Subsidiary shall be as follows:
- 1. At the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of common stock of Company shall have his shares converted into one (1) share of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Purchaser and other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.
- 2. At the Effective Time of the Merger, the holder of capital stock of Acquisition Subsidiary shall have its shares converted into shares of the Surviving Corporation which shall constitute all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time of the Merger.
- B. At or immediately following the Effective Time of the Merger, each holder of an outstanding certificate or certificates which prior thereto represented shares of Company's common stock shall surrender same to Company or its designated agent, and each such holder shall be entitled upon such surrender to receive in exchange therefor, a certificate or certificates representing the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the certificate or certificates so surrendered shall have been converted as aforesaid, together with other consideration as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization. Until surrendered to and canceled by Company, each certificate, which prior to the Effective Time of the Merger represented outstanding shares of Company's common stock, shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence the number of shares of Purchaser's common stock into which the same shall have been converted.

### **ARTICLE VI**

## Earned Surplus of Surviving Corporation

The earned surplus of the Surviving Corporation shall equal the aggregate of the earned surpluses of Acquisition Subsidiary and Company immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger. The earned surplus determined as above provided shall continue to be available for payment of dividends by the Surviving Corporation.

### **ARTICLE VII**

### Effective Time of Merger

The "Effective Time" of the Merger shall be at the close of business on the date on which Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State and the Georgia

Secretary of State. (This Article VII regarding the Effective Time shall not modify or amend the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, including without limitation the provisions contained therein that the "Effective Time" for purposes of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization shall be 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997 and that the parties shall give effect to July 1, 1997 as the Effective Time to the fullest extent permitted by law.)

### **ARTICLE VIII**

### Conditions and Termination

The conditions specified in Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 13, 1997, between Purchaser, Acquisition Subsidiary and Company, et al. shall constitute conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties hereto as therein provided and if by reason of the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization either Acquisition Subsidiary or Company are not obligated to consummate this Agreement, then the party or parties not so obligated may terminate this Agreement prior to the Effective Time of the Merger by delivery to the other party or parties of written notice of such termination prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, and thereupon this Agreement shall be terminated without further liability of any party in favor of the others except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, all as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Florida corporation (formerly known as NLC Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: THOMAS G. MIDDLETON

Title:

Attest:

Name: LAURIE S-WILLIAMS

Title:

SECRETARY

# NATIONAL LENDING CENTER, INC., a Georgia corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Name: Jeffrey Henschel Title: Vice President

Attest:

Name: Emilia Arillo Title: Assistant Secretary