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July 11, 1997

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Secretary of State Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399 6001002233606--7 -07/16/97--01070--014 ****122.50 *****122.50

Re: Filing Articles of Incorporation for FIRST BANCARD SYSTEMS

Ladies and Gentleman:

Enclosed please find the above referenced document for filing with the Division of Corporations, along with our firm's check in the amount of \$122.50 for same.

Very ruly yours, mlin Gail F. Tomlin

Secretary for D. Justin Niles

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July 17, 1997

D. JUSTIN NILES, P.A. ATTN: GAIL F. TOMLIN 7301-A WEST PALMETTO PARK ROAD #305-C BOCA RATON, FL 33433

SUBJECT: FIRST BANCARD SYSTEMS, INC. Ref. Number: W97000016545

We have received your document for FIRST BANCARD SYSTEMS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Written approval and clearance of the terms BANK, BANKER, BANC, BANKING, TRUST COMPANY, BANCSHARES, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK, or CREDIT UNION must be obtained from the Division of Banking and Finance, pursuant to section 655.922(2a), Florida Statutes.The address is:

Division of Banking Director's Office 101 E. Gaines St. Fletcher Bldg., 6th Floor. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350 (850) 488-1111.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6973.

Claretha Golden Document Specialist

Letter Number: 297A00036572

Law Offices D. Justin Niles, P.A.

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July 29, 1997

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Secretary of State **Division of Corporations** ATTN: Ms. Claretha Golden 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

> Re: Filing Articles of Incorporation for First Bancard Systems, Inc.

Dear Ms. Golden:

Enclosed please find the above referenced document for filing with the Division of Corporations, along with a copy of your correspondence to our offices regarding written approval necessary to use selected name, and the original correspondence from William Douglas Johnson. Assistant Director of Division of Banking, granting said approval. If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Very truly yours,

il Tomlin Gail Tomlin

Secretary for D. Justin Niles

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July 25, 1997

D. Justin Niles, P.A. Law Offices 7301-A West Palmetto Park Road Suite 305-C Boca Raton, Florida 33433

Dear Mr. Niles:

Re: "First Bancard Systems, Inc."

Thank you for your recent letter/fax requesting approval for use of the abovereferenced name. It is the opinion of this Department that your name is definitive enough to differentiate the business being conducted from that of a commercial bank or trust company. Therefore, the Department does not object to your use of the above-referenced name being registered to conduct business in the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Wm. Douglas Johnson Assistant Director Division of Banking 101 East Gaines Street The Fletcher Building - Sixth Floor Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350 (904) 488-1111

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief Bureau of Corporate Records Division of Corporations Secretary of State's Office

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FIRST BANCARD SYSTEMS, INC.

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ARTICLE L

CORPORATE NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be:

FIRST BANCARD SYSTEMS, INC.

ARTICLE II.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

160 West Camino Real Suite 225 Boca Raton, Florida 33432

ARTICLE III.

NATURE OF CORPORATE BUSINESS

The Corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV.

CAPITAL STOCK

This Corporation is authorized to issue a maximum of One Thousand (1,000) shares of stock. The shares of stock authorized shall be common stock having a par value of One (1) Dollar per share. The consideration to be paid for each share of stock shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI.

PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Every shareholder upon the sale for cash of any new stock of this Corporation of the same kind, class, or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his pro rata share thereof at the price at which it is offered to others.

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL PROVISION

It is the intent of the incorporator that the Corporation will qualify under Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code and that the Corporation will file as an S-Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII.

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE

The Corporation's Initial Registered Agent and Registered Office in the State of Florida shall

be:

Brad McCormick 160 West Camino Real Suite 225 Boca Raton, Florida 33432

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ARTICLE IX.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of Directors may be altered from time to time by By-Laws adopted by the Stockholders. However, the Corporation shall have no less than one (1) Directors at any time.

ARTICLE X.

INITIAL DIRECTORS

The name and post office address of each member of the first Board of Directors is:

<u>Name</u>

Address

Brad McCormick

160 West Camino Real Suite 225 Boca Raton, Florida 33432

The members of the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI.

OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the initial officers of the Corporation who shall hold office for the first year of the Corporation, or until their successors are elected or appointed.

Brad McCormick President and Secretary 160 West Camino Real Suite 225 Boca Raton, Florida 33432

ARTICLE XII.

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INCORPORATOR

The name and post office address of the Incorporator executing these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Incorporator

Brad McCormick

160 West Camino Real Suite 225 Boca Raton, Florida 33432

THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR, for the purpose of forming a Corporation

Address

to do business within the State of Florida, does make and file these Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true.

(SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

Before me this 11th day of July, 1997 personally appeared Brad McCormick, who is [] is personally known to me, or who [X] has produced his drivers license as identification, who is the person described as the Incorporator in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and who acknowledged before me that he executed said Articles of Incorporation.



GAIL F TOMLIN My Commission CC478712 Expires Jul. 08, 1999 Bonded by HAI 800-422-1665

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Gail F. Tomlin, Notary Public

The undersigned hereby accepts the foregoing designation as initial Registered Agent and agrees to comply with the provisions of law applicable to said designation.

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