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SENT VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

September 8, 1997

Secretary of State Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida

Re: IMPERIAL MORTGAGE INVESTORS, INC.

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To Whom It may Concern:

In reference to the above captioned, enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for filing. Also enclosed is a check in the sum of \$122.50 to cover the filing fee for same. Please forward a copy of the filed Articles of Incorporation to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact me.

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THOMAS G. SHERMAN, ESQ.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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IMPERIAL MORTGAGE INVESTORS, INSECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator for purposes of forming a ycorporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is Imperial Mortgage Investors, Inc. (the "Corporation").

SECOND: The principal office address and mailing address of the Corporation is 5900 SW 73d St., #103, South Miami, Florida 33143.

THIRD: The corporation is authorized to issue 7,500 shares of common stock, par value \$.00 per share.

FOURTH: The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is: 218 Almeria Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. The registered agent is Thomas G. Sherman.

FIFTH: The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is: Sherman & Castro, c/o Thomas G. Sherman, Esquire, 218 Almeria Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

SIXTH: The Corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful activities or business for which corporations may be formed under Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes.

SEVENTH: The Corporation shall have one director initially and the number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the By-Laws but shall never be less than one. The name and address of the initial director of the Corporation is: James C. Black, 5900 SW 73d St., #103, S. Miami, Florida 33143.

EIGTH: The Corporation expressly elects not to be governed by Section 607.09011 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, as amended from time to time, relating to affiliated transactions.

NINTH: The Corporation expressly elects not to be governed by Section 607.0902 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, as amended from time to time, relating to control share acquisitions.

TENTH: The corporate existence of the Corporation shall commence on the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 31 day of August, 1997.

Thomas G. Sherman, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

OF

REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and state that I am familiar with and accept the obligations of Section 607.0505 of the Florida Business Corporation Act.

Thomas GV Sherman, Esquire

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