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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LEF/NORTHRIDGE, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of LEF/NORTHRIDGE, INC. (the "Corporation") under the Florida Business Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is: LEF/NORTHRIDGE, INC.

ARTICLE II

COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE

The existence of the Corporation will commence upon filing the Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Secretary of State.

ARTICLE III

DURATION

The duration of the Corporation will be perpetual.

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSE

The general purpose or purposes for which the Corporation is organized is to transact any and all lawful business for which a corporation may be incorporated under the Florida Business Corporation Act.

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ARTICLE V

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be:

848 Brickell Avenue
Suite 1120
Miami, FL 33131

The mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

One Greenway Plaza
Suite 850
Houston, Texas 77046-0102

ARTICLE VI

AUTHORIZED SHARES

The maximum number of shares that the Corporation is authorized to issue is Ten Thousand (10,000) shares of Common Stock at \$.01 par value per share.

ARTICLE VII

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 848 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1120, Miami, Florida 33131, and the name of the Corporation's initial registered agent at that address is David A. Friedman.

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The corporation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time, as provided in the Bylaws. The name and address of the director is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Leonard E. Friedman	848 Brickell Avenue Suite 1120 Miami, FL 33131

ARTICLE IX**INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
David A. Friedman	848 Brickell Avenue Suite 1120 Miami, Florida 33131

ARTICLE X**INDEMNIFICATION**

To the extent permitted by law, the Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The Corporation shall reimburse each person for all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred

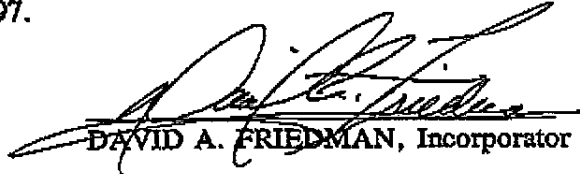
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by him in connection with any such liability in the manner provided for by law or in accordance with the Corporation's Bylaws.

The rights accruing to any person under the foregoing provision shall not exclude any other right to which he may be lawfully entitled, nor shall anything therein contain or restrict the right of the Corporation to indemnify or reimburse such person in any proper case even though not specifically provided for herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 30th day of October, 1997.



DAVID A. FRIEDMAN, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been designated as registered agent for LEF/NORTHRIDGE, INC. in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, I, David A. Friedman, hereby agree to accept service of process for said corporation and to comply with all statutes relative to the complete and proper performance of the duties of a registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of that position.



DAVID A. FRIEDMAN

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