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SUBJECT: U S DEPARTMENT STORE INC

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check  
for :

\$131.25 towards Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate.

FROM: ZIAD ALI  
8217 N FLORIDA AVE  
TAMPA, FL 33604

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

*The undersigned incorporator(s), for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation.*

**ARTICLE I : NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

U S DEPARTMENT STORE INC

**ARTICLE II : PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing of this corporation shall be:

8217 N FLORIDA AVE  
TAMPA FL 33604

**ARTICLE III : SHARES**

The number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is:

1000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK HAVING \$1.00 PAR VALUE PER SHARE.

**ARTICLE IV : INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

ZIAD ALI  
8217 N FLORIDA AVE  
TAMPA, FL 33604

### ARTICLES V : INCORPORATOR(S)

The names(s) and street address(es) of the incorporator(s) to these Articles of Incorporation is (are):

PRESIDENT

ZIAD ALI  
8217 N FLORIDA AVE  
TAMPA, FL 33604

### ARTICLES VI : TERM OF EXISTENCE

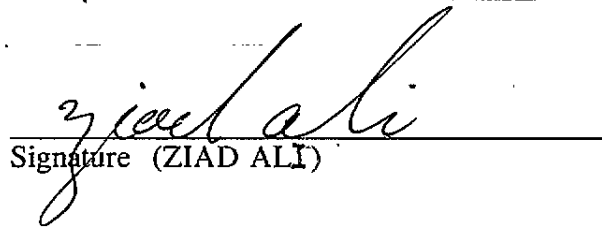
This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

### ARTICLES VII : NATURE OF BUSINESS

This Corporation may engage or transact in any or all lawful activities or business permitted under the laws of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and STATE OF FLORIDA or any other state, and more specifically to do the business in **convenience store**.

The undersigned incorporator(s) has(have) executed these Articles of Incorporation this

24 day of FEBRUARY, 1998.

  
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Signature (ZIAD ALI)

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES,  
THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING  
THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:


U S DEPARTMENT STORE INC.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

ZIAD ALI  
8217 N FLORIDA AVE  
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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

  
ZIAD ALI (SIGNATURE)

2/24/98  
(DATE)

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