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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

PREMIER MORTGAGE LENDERS, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of this Corporation under the provisions of Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is PREMIER MORTGAGE LENDERS, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation".

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 505 East Jackson Street, Suite 204, Tampa, Florida 33602.

ARTICLE III: DURATION OF THE CORPORATION

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are to engage in any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 607, Florida Statute, as amended.

ARTICLE V: AUTHORIZED SHARES

The Corporation is authorized to issue Seven Thousand (7,500) shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share. All stock shall be of one class. The Board of Directors may authorize

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the issuance of such stock to such person(s) upon such terms and for such consideration as they may deem appropriate. The consideration may consist of any tangible or intangible property or benefit to the corporation, including cash, promissory notes, services performed, promises to perform services evidenced by a written contract, or other securities of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI: PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

The Corporation elects to have preemptive rights. Every shareholder shall have the right, upon uniform terms and conditions prescribed by the board of directors to provide a fair and reasonable opportunity to exercise the right, to acquire proportional amounts of the corporation's unissued shares upon the decision of the board of directors to issue them.

ARTICLE VII: INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 505 East Jackson Street, Tampa, Florida 33602 and the name of the registered agent at that office is SUSAN I. BARKA.

ARTICLE VIII: INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall have two (2) directors constituting the initial Board of Directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the bylaws.

The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are:

KENNETH B. STEPHENS 620 Calibre Brooke Way Smyrna, Georgia 30080

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SUSAN I. BARKA 7624 Woodbridge Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33615

ARTICLE IX: INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators of the Corporation are:

KENNETH B. STEPHENS 620 Calibre Brooke Way Smyrna, Georgia 30080 SUSAN I. BARKA 7624 Woodbridge Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33615

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, KENNETH B. STEPHENS and SUSAN I. BARKA, the

undersigned incorporators, have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this <u>19</u> day of March,

1998 and acknowledged the same to be our act.

KÆNNETH BÆSTEPHENS

USAN I. BARKA

STATE OF FLORIDA)

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19 day of 198 by KENNETH B. STPEPHENS and SUSAN I. BARKA, both of whom personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and both of whom have produced 198 and 198 and 198 198 198 198 198 198 198 198 by KENNETH B. STPEPHENS and SUSAN I. BARKA, both of whom personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and both of whom have produced 198 198 198 198 and 198 19

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OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL

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NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION NO. CC528771

MY COMMISSION EXP. JAN. 30,2000

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

Pursuant to Chapters 48.091 and 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

First--That PREMIER MORTGAGE LENDERS, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at City of Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida, has named SUSAN I. BARKA located at 505 East Jackson Street, Suite 204, in the City of Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

-Acceptance of Agent-

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

SUSAN I. BARKA

DATED:

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