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XX ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
       CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**EXPRESS SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING, INC.**

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The undersigned incorporator(s) to these Articles of Incorporation, are natural person(s) competent to contract, hereby associate themselves together to form a corporation for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be **EXPRESS SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING, INC..**

**ARTICLE II**

The general nature of the business, and the objects and purposes proposed to be transacted and carried on, are to do any and all of the things herein mentioned as fully and to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, viz., the corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida and shall possess all of the powers granted corporations under the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE III**

The authorized capital stock of this corporation shall be 100 shares of common stock having a par value of \$5.00 per share.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

**The amount of capital with which this corporation shall commence business shall be \$500.00.**

#### **ARTICLE V**

**This corporation shall commence upon compliance with the requirements of Florida Law, and its existence shall be perpetual.**

#### **ARTICLE VI**

**The names and post office address of the incorporator(s) to the Certificate of Incorporation are:**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**S.R. MOORE**

**3332 DEL PRADO BLVD**

**CAPE CORAL, FL 33904**

**The incorporator is over the age of eighteen years and is a resident of the State of Florida.**

#### **ARTICLE VII**

**The name and street address of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office for the first year of existence of the corporation or until successors are elected or appointed pursuant to the By-Laws of this corporation, are as follows:**

**S.R. MOORE**

**3332 DEL PRADO BLVD**

**CAPE CORAL, FL 33904**

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

**The corporation shall be governed by a Board of not less than 1 nor more than 7 directors, with the exact number to be established by the By-Laws.**

## ARTICLE IX

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Stockholders, and approved at a Stockholders Meeting by a majority of the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, unless all directors and all the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

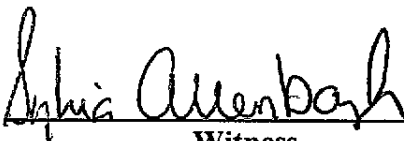
## ARTICLE X

In pursuance of Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

That EXPRESS SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING, INC. desiring to organize under the Laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office at 3332 DEL PRADO BLVD, CAPE CORAL, FL 33904 has named S.R. MOORE of 3332 DEL PRADO BLVD, CAPE CORAL, FL 33904 as its registered agent to accept service of process within this State at the principal place of business at 3332 DEL PRADO BLVD, CAPE CORAL, FL 33904. The principal address and the registered agent address are the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this 13 day of July, 1998.

As to all Incorporators:

  
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Witness

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
S.R. MOORE (SEAL)

  
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Witness

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Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared S.R. MOORE, to me known to be the person described in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says that he executed the said Articles of Incorporation for the purposes therein expressed.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 13 day of July, 1998.

My commission expires:

R. E. O'Halloran  
Notary Public



Roger E. O'Halloran  
MY COMMISSION # CC710271 EXPIRES  
May 14, 2002  
BONDED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS  
TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

ROGER E. O'HALLORAN  
PRINTED NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

S.R. Moore  
S.R. MOORE, Registered Agent