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Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
409 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: The Lion Companies, Inc. (the "Company")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find two original sets of the Company's Articles of Incorporation along with our check in the amount of \$70.00.

If you have any questions, please call us.

Sincerely,

*Maria A. Martinez*  
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE LION COMPANIES, INC.

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the corporation is The Lion Companies, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II

Principal Office

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is 8055 N.W. 77th Court, Suite 5, Miami, Florida 33166.

ARTICLE III

Capital Stock

The capital stock authorized, the par value thereof, and the characteristics of such stock shall be as follows:

<u>Number of Shares Authorized</u>	<u>Par Value Per Share</u>	<u>Class of Stock</u>
1,000	\$.01	common

ARTICLE IV

Special Meeting

The Corporation shall hold a special meeting of shareholders only:

(1) On call of the board of directors or persons authorized to do so by the Corporation's bylaws; or

(2) If the holders of not less than 50 percent of all votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the proposed special meeting sign, date, and deliver to the Corporation's secretary one or more written demands for the meeting describing the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held.

ARTICLE V

Initial Registered Office

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The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office in the State of Florida is 777 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1070, Miami, Florida 33131, City of Miami, County of Miami-Dade and the name of its initial registered agent at such office is Louis R. Montello.

ARTICLE VI

Incorporator

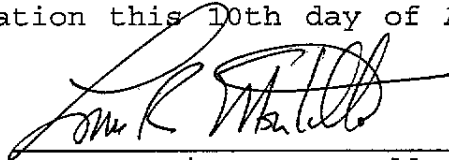
The name of the Incorporator is Louis R. Montello and the address of the Incorporator is 777 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1070, Miami, Florida 33131.

ARTICLE VII

Indemnification

This Corporation shall indemnify and shall advance expenses on behalf of its officers and directors to the fullest extent not prohibited by any law in existence either now or hereafter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Incorporator named above, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the Florida Business Corporation Act of the State of Florida has signed these Articles of Incorporation this 10th day of August, 1998.



Louis R. Montello,  
Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named the Registered Agent of The Lion Companies, Inc., hereby accepts such designation and is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of such position, as provided in Florida Statutes Section 607.0505.



Louis R. Montello,  
Registered Agent

August 10, 1998