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Secretary of State Corporations Division The Capitol 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Articles of Incorporation for Advanced Financial Strategies, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the undersigned files the following items in order that the Secretary of State may grant its approval to Advanced Financial Strategies, Inc.:

- 1. Original of the Articles of Incorporation for Advanced Financial Strategies, Inc.
- 2. Duplicate Copy of the Articles of Incorporation for certification by the Secretary of State.
- Certificate designating a Resident Agent for service of process attached to the original and duplicate copies for service of process.
- 4. Check drawn to the order of the Secretary of State in the amount of \$122.50 for
  - a. \$35.00 filing fee for Certificate of Incorporation.
  - b. \$52.50 for certified copy of Articles of Incorporation
  - c. \$35.00 appointment of resident agent filing fee.

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Should you need additional information or have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at either the above address or telephone number.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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#### ADVANCED FINANCIAL STRATEGIES, INC.

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, for the purposes hereinafter stated, hereby make, subscribe and acknowledge and file with the Secretary of State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation, as follows:

#### I. NAME.

The name of this corporation shall be Advanced Financial Strategies, Inc.

#### II. DURATION.

This corporation is to commence its corporate existence on the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation and shall exist perpetually thereafter until dissolved sooner according to law.

#### III. NATURE OF BUSINESS.

The corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States of America and of the State of Florida.

#### IV. CAPITAL STOCK.

The total subscribed capital stock of this corporation shall consist of One thousand (1000) shares of common stock having a par value of One dollar (\$1.00) per share, which said capital stock shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America, or in property, labor or services, rendered or to be rendered pursuant to written agreement in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 607, at a valuation to be fixed by the shareholders or Board of Directors, in the manner provided for by statute.

#### V. PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS.

Every shareholder, upon the sale of any new stock of this corporation of the same kind, class or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his prorata share

thereof (as nearly may be done without issuance of fractional shares) at the price at which it is offered to others.

# VI. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT.

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The address of the initial registered office of this corporation is located at 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 900, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at this address is Robert L. Trescott.

### VII. DIRECTORS.

This corporation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than one. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors of this corporation are:

#### NAME

#### **ADDRESS**

Robert L. Trescott

2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd. #900 Coral Gables, FL 33134

The shareholders or directors shall elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other corporate officers from time to time as deemed advisable. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person. It shall not be necessary for any officer or director to own stock in the corporation.

# VIII. <u>INCORPORATORS</u>.

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

Robert L. Trescott 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard Suite 900 Coral Gables, FL 33134

#### IX. MANAGEMENT.

The business of this corporation may be conducted by its shareholders rather than by the Board of Directors. If managed by

the shareholders, then an act authorized by a fifty one (51%) percent vote of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall be the act of the shareholders.

## X. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>.

The corporation shall indemnify any of its agents, officers or directors to the full extent permitted by law.

# XI. <u>DIRECTORS QUORUM AND VOTING.</u>

A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of directors.

If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of fifty one (51%) percent of the directors present, or, if a director or directors have abstained from voting because of an interest in the matter to be voted upon, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present and voting, shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

# XII. TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN RELATED CORPORATIONS.

No contract or transaction between this corporation and any other corporation or entity shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any one or more of the directors of this corporation is or are interested in, or is a director, officer or fiduciary, or are directors, officers or fiduciaries, of such other corporation or entity.

#### XIII. BYLAWS.

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida, the Board of Directors are hereby authorized to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws at their pleasure, so long as such bylaws are in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

#### XIV. SHAREHOLDERS QUORUM AND VOTING.

Fifty one (51%) percent of the shares entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of shareholders.

If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of fifty one (51%) percent of the shares represented at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter shall be the act of the shareholders.

#### XV. AMENDMENTS.

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained herein in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights conferred on shareholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

# XVI. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and mailing address for the corporation is 2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 900, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and seal, this 2 day of fighth, 1978.

Robert L. Trescott

Incorporator

#### RESIDENT AGENT CERTIFICATE

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

First: That Advanced Financial Strategies, Inc. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its initial office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, in the city of Coral Gables, County of Dade, State of Florida, has named Robert Trescott within this state. as its agent to accept service of process

#### 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 provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Robert L.

Resident Agent