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September 30, 1998

Secretary of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32304 300002655023--3 -10/05/98--01023--015 \*\*\*\*122.50 \*\*\*\*\*78.75

Re: Lonestar Jewelry & Pawn, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-named corporation. In addition, a check in the amount of \$122.50 is enclosed which represents the following fees:

Filing Fee	•	\$	35.00
Registered Agent Fee			35.00
Certified Copy		·	50.50
Total Due		* . * *	122.50

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Michael Ashmead

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LONESTAR JEWELRY & PAWN, INC.

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation

Act, adopts the following Articles of incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME. The name of this corporation is LONESTAR JEWELRY & PAWN, INC.

ARTICLE II - DURATION. This Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III - BUSINESS. This Corporation is organized to operate a pawn shop and to do every other act or thing incidental or pertinent to or growing out of or connected with the aforesaid purpose and in addition, to engage in any other business or businesses permitted under the laws of the United States and Florida.

ARTICLE IV - CAPITAL STOCK. The maximum number of shares of stock authorized to be issued by this Corporation is 7,500 shares of capital stock at \$1.00 par value, all of which shall have the same rights and privileges. Each share of capital stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one (1) vote at any stockholder meeting and otherwise to participate in all such meetings and the assets of the Corporation. The stock shall be issued for such consideration as may be determined by the Board of Directors, which shall have a value at least equal to the full par value of said shares. The stock may be paid for in lawful money of the United States of America, or in property, labor or services.

ARTICLE V - PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS. The stockholders of this Corporation shall be entitled to purchase ratably according to their respective holdings, any shares of the Corporation hereinafter issued or any securities exchangeable for or convertible into such shares or any warrants or other instruments evidencing rights or options to subscribe for, purchase, or otherwise acquire such shares, but in either case only as such prices and during such period or periods and upon such terms and conditions as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT. The street address of the principal office of this corporation is:

350 9th Street North St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

The name and address of the Registered Agent of this Corporation is:

MICHAEL ASHMEAD 350 9th Street North St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

The corporation shall have the privilege of establishing such other branch offices in any other location or any other city or town, in this state or any other State or County, as may be approved by its Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. This corporation shall have two (2) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than one (1). The name and address of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

NAME

ADDRESS

MICHAEL ASHMEAD

350 9th Street North St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

RICHARD ASHMEAD

350 9th Street North St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

ARTICLE VIII - INDEMNIFICATION. The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT. This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any Amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE X - INCORPORATOR. The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

MICHAEL ASHMEAD 350 9th Street North St. Petersburg, Florida 33705 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation of this <u>30</u> day of September, 1998.

MICHAEL ASHMEAD

STATE OF FLORIDA )
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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, MICHAEL ASHMEAD, personally appeared known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of LONESTAR JEWELRY & PAWN, INC., and he acknowledged before me that he executed these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in Pinellas County,

Florida, this day of September, 1998.

Notary signature

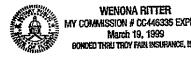
My Commission expires:

WENONA RITTER

MAY COMMISSION # CC446335 EXPIRES

March 19, 1999

MARCH 19, 1999



## ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

I HEREBY ACCEPT the designation of Registered Agent to accept service of process for LONESTAR

JEWELRY & PAWN, INC.

MICHAEL ASHMEAD

STATE OF FLORIDA ) ss COUNTY OF PINELLAS )

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County set forth above personally appeared, MICHAEL ASHMEAD, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Acceptance of Designation as Registered Agent, and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in Pinellas County,

Florida, this day of September, 1998.

Notary signature

My Commission expires:

WENONA RITTER
MY COMMISSION # CC446335 EXPIRES
March 19, 1999
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE