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Division of Corporations Secretary of State P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: ECM Insurance Group, Inc.

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Enclosed is the signed original of the Articles of Incorporation of the above corporation. I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$70.00 for the filing fee.

Please process this at your earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

John W. Persse

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SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

ECM Insurance Group, Inc.



Article I - Name

The name of the Corporation is: ECM Insurance Group, Inc.

Article II - Address

The address of the principal of the corporation and its mailing address is: 1800 Second Street, Suite 708, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

Article III - Authorized Shares

The Corporation is authorized to issue 100,000 shares.

Article IV - Registered Office/Agent

The name of the Corporation's initial Registered Agent is: John W. Persse. The street address of the Corporation's initial Registered Office is: 1800 Second Street, Suite 715, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

Article V - Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is: Mary L. Mapp, 1800 Second Street, Suite 708, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

Article VI - Director

The name and address of the initial director of the corporation is: Mary L. Mapp, 1800 Second Street, Suite 708, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

Article VII - Purpose

The corporation may engage in any business permitted under the Florida Insurance Code and in any other transaction or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, have set my hand and seal to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Mary L. Mapp

Acceptance of Registered Agent

The undersigned, having a business office identical with the registered office of the corporation named above, and having been designated the Registered Agent in the above and foregoing articles, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position of Registered Agent under Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

John W. Persse

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