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November 30, 1998

UCC FILING & SEARCH SERVICES, INC.

SUBJECT: THE HURST COMPANIES, INC.

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We have received your document for THE HURST COMPANIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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November 25, 1998

To: Secretary of State of Florida
Division of Corporations
409 East Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

We are submitting The Hurst Companies, Inc. Articles of Incorporation to be filed with the Secretary of State of Florida. We are aware that Hurst Corporation is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida and is doing business in the State of Florida.

Name: Lorraine E. Vega

Title: Secretary

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE HURST COMPANIES, INC.

The undersigned Incorporator hereby files these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

### ARTILCE I. Name and Principal Office

The name of this Corporation shall be THE HURST COMPANIES, INC. The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation is 101 California Street, Suite 2050, San Francisco, CA 94111.

#### ARTICLE IL Nature of Business

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

#### ARTICLE IIL Stock

The authorized capital stock of this Corporation shall consist of 1,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share. The stock of the Corporation shall be issued for such consideration as may be determined by the Board of Directors but not less than par value. Shareholders may enter into agreements with the Corporation or with each other to control or restrict the transfer of stock and such agreements may take the form of options, rights of first refusal, buy and sell agreements, or any other lawful form of agreements.

#### ARTICLE IV. Powers

This corporation shall have all the corporate powers enumerated in the Florida Business Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE V. Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is Ed Hand, 526 E. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

### ARTICLE VI. Effective Date and Term of Corporate Existence

This effective date of the incorporation of this Corporation shall be January 1, 1999, and the Corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

## ARTICLE VII. Address of Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the initial Registered Office of this Corporation in the State of Florida shall be 526 E. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301. The name of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation at the above address shall be NRAI Services, Inc. The Board of Directors may from time to time change the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida or change the Registered Agent.

#### ARTICLE VIII. Amendment

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in any manner now or hereafter provided for by law and all rights conferred upon Shareholders hereunder are granted subject to this reservation.

#### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

In compliance with Florida Statutes, Section 48.091 and 607.0501, the following is submitted:

THE HURST COMPANIES, INC., desiring to organize as a corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, has designated 526 E. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301, as its initial registered office and has named NRAI Services, Inc., located at said address, as its initial Registered Agent.

Ed Hand

Incorporator
Date: November 25, 1998

Having been named Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of his duties and is familiar with and accepts

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NRAI Services, Inc.

Registered Agent Date: November 25, 1998

the obligations of his position as Registered Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscribing Incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 25 day of November, 1998.

Ed Hand Incorporator

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Leon

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>asyl</u>day of November, 1998, by Ed Hand, who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath.

Signature of Notary Public

Notary Seal/Stamp:

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JOYCE L MARKLEY
My Commission CC499793
Expires Oct. 30, 1999

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