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Group, Inc.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

BERNARD MERCHANT GROUP, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the corporation is **BERNARD MERCHANT GROUP, INC.**

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is **150 2nd Avenue North, Suite 1770, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.**

ARTICLE III: CAPITAL STOCK

The number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is one thousand (1,000) shares having a par value of (\$10.00) per share.

ARTICLE IV: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The name and address of the initial registered agent is William K. Bennett, Esq., 150 2nd Avenue North, Suite 1770, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

ARTICLE V: INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is Capital Connection, Inc., 417 E. Virginia St., Suite 1, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

ARTICLE VI: INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The name and address of the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is Linda Bernard, 150 2nd Avenue North, Suite 1770, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

The undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 29th day of March, 1999.

"Capital Connection, Inc. by Lauren Strong, Client Representative"

Lauren Strong

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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION

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REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the mentioned corporation, organized under the laws of the state of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: Bernard Merchant
Group, Inc.

2. The name and street address of the registered agent and office is: William K. Bennett, Esq
150 2nd Avenue No. Suite 1770
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

HAVE BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

William K. Bennett
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