

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Department of The
Secretary of State

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

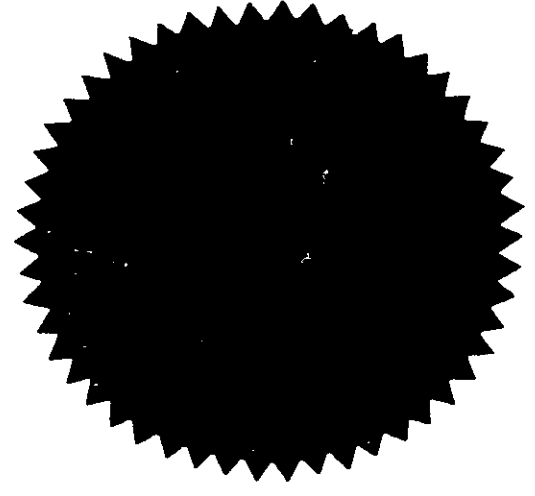
I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached (12 sheets) to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF MERGER
OF
THE NUT & BOLT HOUSE, INC.
INTO
PIEDMONT WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY

the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in Office, at Raleigh, this 6th day of July in the year of our Lord 19 82.



Thad Eure
Secretary of State

By *[Signature]*
Deputy Secretary of State

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