

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



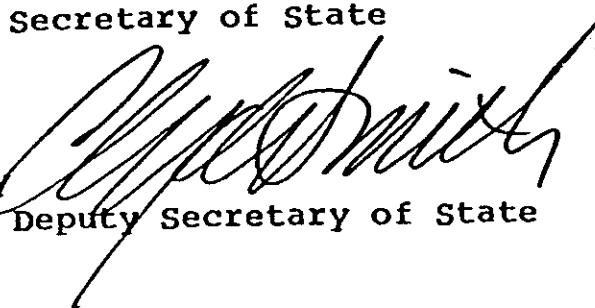
Department of The  
Secretary of State

I, THAD EURE, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that FIRST PROVIDENT CAPITAL CORPORATION is a corporation regularly created, organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having been incorporated on the 14th day of February, 1984 and I further certify that the said FIRST PROVIDENT CAPITAL CORPORATION is an active North Carolina corporation and is in good standing in this State so far as is disclosed by the records of my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

DONE IN OFFICE at Raleigh, this the 20th day of February 19 84 .

THAD EURE  
Secretary of State

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Deputy Secretary of State

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