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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Office of the Secretary of State Corporations Division 100 North Main Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1335

## **ARTICLES OF MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION INTO**

(To Be Filed In Duplicate Original)

David's Bridal, Inc.

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S	SECTION I: TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL MERGING OR CONS	SOLIDATING E	NTITIES			
fç	Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws ollowing Articles of $\boxed{\mathbf{x}}$ Merger $\boxed{\mathbf{or}}$ Consolidation (check one box only ntity.	, 1956, as amen /) for the purpose	ded, the undersigne of merging or conso	ed entities submit the didating them into one		
a.	a. The name and type (for example, business corporation, non-profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, etc.) of each of the merging or consolidating entities and the states under which each is organized are:					
	Name of entity  David's Bridal Inc. 1000	_	e of entity	State under which entity is organized		
		Business	Corporation	_Plorida	-	
	David's Bridal of Warwick, Inc. 1111 VV	Business	Corporation	Rhode Island	-	
b.	. The laws of the state under which each entity is organized permit such m	nerger or consolid	lation.		-	
C.	The full name of the surviving or new entity is	, Inc.				
	which is to be governed by the laws of the state of Plorida					
d.	The attached Plan of Merger or Consolidation was duly authorized, prescribed by the laws of the state under which each entity is organized.	approved, and (Attach Plan of	executed by each of Merger or Consolid	lation) See attac		
e. If the surviving entity's name has been amended via the merger, please state the new name:				Exhibit A	•	
	_N/A					
f.	If the surviving or new entity is to be governed by the laws of a state other than Rhode Island, and such surviving or new entity is not qualified to conduct business in the state of Rhode Island, the entity agrees that: it may be served with process in Rhode Island in any proceeding for the enforcement of any obligation of any domestic entity which is a party to the merger or consolidation; it irrevocably appoints the Secretary of State as its agent to accept service of process in any action, suit, or proceeding; and the address to which a copy of such process of service shall be mailed to it by the Secretary of State is:					
	David's Bridal, Inc. was qualified to do busin	ess in Rhoc	le Island on .	January 14, 200	00.	
g.	The future effective date (which shall be a date or time certain no more the or, in the case of a subsidiary merger, on or after the 30th day after the shareholders of the subsidiary corporation) of the merger or consolidation the Secretary of State of Rhode Island.	he mailing of a c	conv of the sareems	ent of morgan to the		
SE	ECTION II: TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF ONE OR MORE OF A <u>BUSINESS</u> <u>CORPORATION</u> PURSUANT TO TI GENERAL LAWS, AS AMENDED.	THE MERGING TLE 7, CHAP	OR CONSOLIDA TER 1.1 OF THE	TING ENTITIES IS RHODE ISLAND		
a.	If one or more of the merging or consolidating entities is a business corp to approve the agreement under Section 7-1.1-67, or does not require	poration (except of shareholder app	one whose sharehold proval pursuant to the	ders are not required the laws of the state		

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of any class are entitled to vote on the plan as a class, state below the designation and number of putstanding phares of each class:

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under which the corporation is organized, in which event that fact shall be set forth), state below as to each business corporation, the total number of shares outstanding entitled to vote on the Plan of Merger or Consolidation, respectively, and, if the shares

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b.	If one or more of the merging or conto approve the agreement under Secunder which the corporation is organ the total number of shares voted for state the number of shares of each or control or co	ection 7-1.1-67, or o lized, in which even and against such p	does not require sha t that fact shall be se lan, respectively, and	reholder approval p t forth), state below as to each class er	oursuant to the	laws of the state
	N/A	, , ,	•	ntitled to Vote as a Class		
	Name of Business Corporation	Total Voted For	Total <u>Voted Against</u>	<u>Class</u>	Voted For	Voted Against
c.	If the surviving or new entity is to be agrees that it will promptly pay to the entitled under the provisions of Title dissenting shareholders.	e dissenting shareh	olders of any domes	tic entity the amou	nt. if any, to w	hich they shall be
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	i) The name of the subsidiary corpo	ration is	d's Bridal of	Warwick, Inc	•	_
	ii) State below the number of outsta each class of the subsidiary corp	anding shares of eac oration owned by th	ch class of the subsidi e surviving corporatio	iary corporation and	the number of	the shares of
	Number of Shares Outstanding of the Subsidiary Corporation	Designation of Class		Shares of Corporation Owned of Corporation	Designati of Class	on
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	iii) A copy of the plan of merger was r	nailed to shareholde	ers of the subsidiary of	corporation on	November	1, 2000
SE	CTION III: TO BE COMPLETED A NON-PROFIT COR	ONLY IF ONE OF	R MORE OF THE M	IERGING OR CO	NSOLIDATIN	G ENTITIES IS
	GENERAL LAWS, AS	AMENDED.	/A	- 1, OHAT ILIC	Of THE K	TODE ISLAND
a. b.	If the members of any merging or co such non-profit corporation which sets adopted, that a quorum was present present at the meeting or represented which states that the plan was adopted if any merging or consolidating corpor profit corporation attach a statement wand a statement of the fact that the plan	nsolidating non-proi forth the date of the at the meeting, and by proxy were enti I by a consent in wr ation has no memb thich states the date	ifit corporation are en e meeting of member I that the plan receive tled to cast; <u>OR</u> attact iting signed by all me ers, or no members e of the meeting of the	is at which the Plan ed at least a majori ith a statement for e mbers entitled to vo entitled to vote then e board of directors	of Merger or C ty of the votes ach such non- te with respect eon, then as to	consolidation was which members profit corporation thereto.
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# SECTION IV: TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF ONE OR MORE OF THE MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING ENTITIES IS A <u>LIMITED PARTNERSHIP</u> PURSUANT TO TITLE 7, CHAPTER 13 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS, AS AMENDED N/A

The agreement of merger or consolidation is on partnership or other business entity and the address	file at the place of business of the surviving or resulting domestic limited sthereof is:
A copy of the agreement of merger or consolidation other business entity, on request and without cost, interest in any other business entity which is to merge.	n will be furnished by the surviving or resulting domestic limited partnership or to any partner of any domestic limited partnership or any person holding ange or consolidate.
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SECTION V: TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL MEI	RGING OR CONSOLIDATING ENTITIES
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Name of person signing	Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President Title of person signing
nas.	****
By: // William	Richard A. Brickson, Secretary
V Name of person signing	Title of person signing
STATE OF <u>Missouri</u>	
COUNTRY OF St. Louis	<del></del>
CITY	
<sub>In</sub> St. Louis, Missouri <sub>, on this</sub>	27 day of <u>December</u> , 2001, before me personally
appeared <u>Jan R. Kniffen</u>	who, being duly sworn, declared that he/shexs the
	e above-named entity and that he state signed the foregoing document as such
authorized agent, and that the statements herein contained	
	1)
SARAH JANE WESTOVER	Jane Westmer
Notary Public — Notary Seal	Notary Public
STATE OF MISSOURI	My Commission Expires:
St. Louis County	
My Commission Expires: August 10, 2003	
	Print Entity Name
	Find Endry Name
By:	
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STATE OF	
COUNTY OF	<del></del>
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In, on this	day of , before me personally
appeared	day of,, before me personally who, being duly sworn, declared that he/she is the
of the	above-named entity and that he/she signed the foregoing document as such
authorized agent, and that the statements herein contained	
	Notary Public
	My Commission Expires:

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Approval of the merger by David's Bridal, Inc.'s (a Florida corp. and the surviving corporation of the merger) sole shareowner was not required pursuant to Section 607.1103(7) of the Florida Business Corporation Act.

Approval of the merger by David's Bridal of Warwick, Inc.'s (a Rhode Island corp. and the non-surviving corporation of the merger) sole shareowner was not required pursuant to Section 7-1.1-68.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (the "Merger Agreement"), dated this 18th day of October, 2000, pursuant to Sections 607.1103, 607.1104, 607.1105 and 607.1106 of the Florida Business Corporation Act (the "Florida Act") and Section 7-1.1-68.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended (the "Rhode Island Laws"), between David's Bridal of Warwick, Inc., a Rhode Island corporation (the "Rhode Island Corporation"), and David's Bridal, Inc., a Florida corporation (hereinafter referred to as "DBI" or as the "Surviving Corporation").

WHEREAS, DBI is the legal and beneficial holder of all the issued and outstanding shares of stock of the Rhode Island Corporation and deems it to be in the best interests of the constituent corporations to merge the Rhode Island Corporation into DBI;

NOW, THEREFORE, DBI and the Rhode Island Corporation hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The Rhode Island Corporation shall be merged with and into its sole shareowner, DBI, which shall be the surviving corporation of the merger. The Rhode Island Corporation is not qualified to do business in the State of Florida, the state of incorporation of DBI.
- 2. The Merger Agreement has been approved and adopted by the board of directors of each of DBI and the Rhode Island Corporation by unanimous written consent in lieu of a special meeting on October 18, 2000 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 607.1103 (7) and 607.0821 of the Florida Act and Section 7-1.1-68.1 of the Rhode Island Law. The Merger Agreement shall be mailed to DBI, the sole shareowner of the Rhode Island Corporation.
- 3. Articles of Merger shall be filed with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations on behalf of DBI, pursuant to Section 607.1105 of the Florida Act and with the Secretary of State of Rhode Island on behalf of the Rhode Island Corporation, pursuant to Section 7-1-1-68.1(c) of the Rhode Island Law.
- 4. DBI was incorporated in the State of Florida on August 29, 1990 under the name Phillie Bridals, Inc. An amendment changing the name of the corporation to David's Bridal, Inc. was filed on September 1, 1995 with the Florida Department of State.
  - 5. DBI was qualified to do business in the State of Rhode Island on January 14, 2000.
- 6. The Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Restated Articles") of DBI shall be the Restated Articles of the Surviving Corporation.

- 7. All of the issued and outstanding shares of the Rhode Island Corporation shall be canceled without consideration upon the effective date of the merger. Each share of DBI before the merger will represent the same number of shares of the Surviving Corporation after the merger.
- The merger of the Rhode Island Corporation into DBI is without consideration, accordingly, no 8. documentary stamps are required pursuant to Section 44-25-1 of the Rhode Island General Law.
- C T Corporation System is the registered agent of the Surviving Corporation for service of process in a proceeding to enforce any obligation of any domestic corporation which is a party to the merger and in any proceeding for the enforcement of the rights of a dissenting shareowner of any domestic corporation against the Surviving Corporation. C T Corporation System's address is as follows: 10 Weybosset Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. The Surviving Corporation shall promptly pay to the dissenting shareowners of any domestic corporation the amount, if any, to which they shall be entitled under the provisions of the Rhode Island Laws with respect to the rights of dissenting shareowners.
- The officers and directors of DBI shall be the officers and directors of the Surviving Corporation 10. and shall hold office from the effective date of the merger until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified in the manner provided in the Restated Articles and the By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation or as otherwise provided by law.
- Upon the effective date of the merger, the rights, privileges, liabilities, powers and franchises and 11. all and every other interest of each of the Rhode Island Corporation and DBI shall be vested in the Surviving Corporation in accordance with Section 607.1106 of the Florida Act and Section 7-1.1-69 of the Rhode Island Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the constituent corporations party to this Merger Agreement have caused this Merger Agreement to be executed by Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President of David's Bridal, Inc., and Richard A. Brickson, Vice President and Secretary of David's Bridal of Warwick, Inc., on this 18th day of October, 2000.

Name of Corporation	Signature	Typed/Printed Name of Individual & Title
David's Bridal, Inc. (Surviving Corporation)	Jegij	Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President
Merging Corporation	U	
David's Bridal of Warwick, Inc.	RoBucata	Richard A. Brickson,

Vice President & Secretary