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ARTICLES OF MERGER BY AND BETWEEN LIFE USA HOLDING, INC. AND LIFEUSA INSURANCE COMPANY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Robert W. MacDonald, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of LIFE USA HOLDING, INC., a corporation organized under Chapter 302A, Minnesota Statutes, ("LUSA"), and Margery G. Hughes, President and Suzanne Pepin, Secretary of LifeUSA INSURANCE COMPANY, a stock life insurance company organized under Chapter 300, Minnesota Statutes ("LifeUSA Insurance"), hereby certify as follows:

- 1. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is the Plan of Merger (the "Plan of Merger") providing for the merger of LUSA with and into LifeUSA Insurance (the "Merger"). The Plan of Merger has been adopted by the board of directors of each of LUSA and LifeUSA Insurance, and the Merger has been approved by the board of directors of Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, a Minnesota corporation and the sole shareholder of LUSA. As provided in the Plan of Merger, LifeUSA Insurance shall continue as the surviving corporation under the corporate name it possesses immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger.
- 2. The Plan of Merger has been approved by LUSA pursuant to Chapter 302A, Minnesota Statutes and the Plan of Merger has been approved by LifeUSA Insurance pursuant to Chapter 300 Minnesota Statutes.
- 3. These Articles of Merger shall be submitted to the Department of Commerce for approval and filing in the office of the Commissioner of Commerce and, following certification by the Commissioner of Commerce, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota. The Merger shall become effective on June 30, 2000.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have duly executed this document for and on behalf of their respective corporations as of June 12, 2000.

LIFE USA HOLDING, INC.

Robert W. MacDonald

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

LIFEUSA INSURANCE COMPANY

Margery G. Hughes

President

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Suzanne Pepin

Secretary

The above Articles of Merger and attached Plan of Merger are

hereby approved this all day of hune 2000

Kevin M. Murphy

Assistant Commissioner

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Exhibit A to Articles of Merger

PLAN OF MERGER

The respective boards of directors of Life USA Holding, Inc., a corporation organized under Chapter 302A Minnesota Statutes ("LUSA") and LifeUSA Insurance Company, a corporation organized under Chapter 300, Minnesota Statutes ("LifeUSA Insurance"), have, by resolutions duly adopted, approved the following provisions of this Plan of Merger (the "Plan of Merger") as required by Chapters 300 and 302A, Minnesota Statutes ("Applicable Law"), in connection with the Merger as herein described (the "Merger"). LUSA and LifeUSA Insurance are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Constituent Corporations."

SECTION 1.01. The Merger. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, and in accordance with the Applicable Law, at the Effective Time (as defined in Section 1.02), LUSA shall be merged with and into LifeUSA Insurance. As a result of the Merger, the separate corporate existence of LUSA shall cease and LifeUSA Insurance shall continue as the surviving corporation of the Merger (the "Surviving Corporation").

SECTION 1.02. <u>Effective Time</u>. The parties hereto shall cause the Merger to be consummated by filing Articles of Merger (the "Articles of Merger") with the Department of Commerce and the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, in such form as required by, and executed in accordance with the relevant provisions of Applicable Law. The parties to this Plan of Merger will cause Articles of Merger to be executed, delivered and filed with the Department of Commerce and the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota in accordance with Applicable Law. The Merger shall become effective as of June 30, 2000 (the "Effective Time").

SECTION 1.03. <u>Effect of the Merger</u>. At the Effective Time, the effect of the Merger shall be as provided in Sections 60A.16, subd. 4 and 302A.641, Minnesota Statutes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and subject thereto, at the Effective Time, except as otherwise provided herein, all the property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of LUSA and LifeUSA Insurance shall vest in the Surviving Corporation and all debts, liabilities and duties of LUSA and LifeUSA Insurance shall become the debts, liabilities and duties of the Surviving Corporation.

SECTION 1.04. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. At the Effective Time, the Articles of Incorporation of LifeUSA Insurance, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by applicable law. At the Effective Time, the By-Laws of LifeUSA Insurance, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by Applicable Law.

SECTION 1.05. <u>Directors and Officers</u>. The directors and officers of LifeUSA Insurance at the Effective Time of the Merger shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving

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Corporation, until the earlier of their resignation or removal or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, as the case may be.

SECTION 1.06. Conversion of Securities. As of the Effective Time, each share of common stock of LifeUSA Insurance issued and outstanding at the time of the Merger shall, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holders thereof, continue as one share of common stock of the Surviving Corporation. Each share of common stock of LUSA issued and outstanding at the time of the Merger shall be automatically retired and cancelled.

SECTION 1.07. Governing Law. This Plan of Merger shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the document as filed for record in this office.

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