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Chief, Information Technology  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporate Finance  
100 F Street, NE MS 3040  
Washington, DC 20549

To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies its approval for listing and registration of the Common Stock, par value \$0.001, of FIRST FOUNDATION INC., under the Exchange Act of 1934.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. J.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.