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RE: The Gold Shield Foundation, Inc. (Docket No. 760680)

Dear Clerk:

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The undersigned represents The Gold Shield Foundation, Inc., a corporation not for profit, whose original articles were filed on November 13, 1981.

Transmitted herewith are the original and one exact copy of the following:

1. Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of The Gold Shield Foundation, Inc., in connection with amendments that were made on December 12, 1989.
2. Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of The Gold Shield Foundation, Inc. in connection with amendments made on December 1998.

Also transmitted herewith is my check in the amount of \$87.50 for:

- (a) \$35.00 for the filing fee of the 1989 amendments.
- (b) \$35.00 for the filing fee of the 1998 amendments.
- (c) \$ 8.75 for a certified copy of the 1989 amendments.
- (d) \$ 8.75 for a certified copy of the 1998 amendments.

If you have any questions or directions concerning this matter or wish to discuss with me further, please feel free to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

James B. Loper
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Note: James Loper gave authorization to add sufficient for approval in #9th on both documents.

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE GOLD SHIELD FOUNDATION, INC.**

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.1001-1006, Florida Statutes, THE GOLD SHIELD FOUNDATION, INC., adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation, as amended.

FIRST: Article II, Section A is amended as follows:

“The general nature, objects and purposes for which this corporation is exclusively organized and operated are:

1. Early financial assistance for the benefit of the surviving family members of fire and law enforcement personnel feloniously or accidentally killed in the line of duty;
2. To help furnish a college education or vocational training for the benefit of the spouse and dependent children of fire and law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty.”

SECOND: Article II, Section B.1. is amended as follows:

“The fire and law enforcement personnel referred to in Article II, Section A, 1. and 2., shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- i. Firefighters in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, Florida;
- ii. Law Enforcement Officers in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, Florida;
- iii. Personnel of volunteer fire departments, or volunteer law enforcement agencies who are employed or volunteer for any city, municipality, village, or political subdivision in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, Florida;

- iv. Eligibility for benefits will rest solely with a majority vote of the Board of Directors;
- v. For purposes of brevity, the fire and law enforcement personnel included in Article II, B.1., will hereinafter be referred to as the deceased."

THIRD: Article II, Section B.2. is amended as follows:

"Benefits provided for in this Charter for the spouse and dependent children of deceased in Hillsborough County will be retroactive to January 1, 1981. Due to increased funds, coverage is extended to Pinellas County effective May 19, 1989, and also to Federal and State fire and law enforcement officers in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

FOURTH: Article II, Section B.3.i. is amended as follows:

"The spouse, dependent child, guardian or next of kin must make application as provided in the Bylaws for charitable funds before entering or reentering the college educational system or vocational system.

- i. The college and vocational institution need not be within the State of Florida. The awarded charitable scholarship, however, should not surpass the yearly tuition, fees and books at a state institution;

FIFTH: Article II, Section B.4. is amended as follows:

"The determination of when, and the amount of the scholarship awarded to the spouse or dependent child shall rest in the absolute discretion of the Board of Directors of this corporation in a manner provided in the Bylaws."

SIXTH: Article II, Section B.5. is amended as follows:

"The awarded charitable scholarship includes tuition, fees and books. The scholarship does not include expenses for room, board or travel."

SEVENTH: Article II, Section B.6. is amended as follows:

"The amount of early financial assistance awarded to the spouse or dependent shall not exceed \$3,000.

- i. 'Dependent' means a person or child who is substantially reliant for support upon the income of the deceased;
 - a. This includes a divorced deceased who is paying court ordered child support."

EIGHTH: The date of each amendment's adoption was December 12, 1989.

NINTH: Adoption of Amendments

The Amendments were approved by resolution adopted by the majority vote of the members of the corporation present at a meeting duly called and convened. The number of votes cast was sufficient for approval.

THE GOLD SHIELD FOUNDATION, INC.

DATED: Sept 19, 2001

By:

Richard T. Bowers

RICHARD T. BOWERS
PRESIDENT