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

Dear Clerk:

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 11, 1998.

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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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Enclosure

cc: Client (w/o encls.)

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

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Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 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 I is amended as follows:

"Name and Address

The name of the corporation shall be:

**THE GOLD SHIELD FOUNDATION, INC**

The address of the corporation shall be: Legends Field, 1 Steinbrenner Drive, Tampa, Florida 33614, or P.O. Box 271791, Tampa, Florida 33688-1791, or such other address within the State of Florida as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate."

SECOND: Article II, Section B.1. paragraph i, ii and iii are amended as follows:

- "i. Firefighters in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Citrus, Hernando and Pasco Counties, Florida;
- ii. Law Enforcement Officers in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Citrus, Hernando and Pasco 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 sub-division in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Citrus, Hernando and Pasco Counties, Florida;"

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

"Benefits provided for in this chapter for the spouse and dependent children of the 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. Coverage was extended to the similar agencies in Citrus, Hernando and Pasco Counties, Florida in 1998.”

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

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

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

“The awarded charitable scholarship includes tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Travel expenses are not covered.”

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

“The amount of immediate early financial assistance awarded to the spouse or dependent shall not exceed a total of \$5,000.

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

SEVENTH: Article II, Section B.7. is amended as follows:

“ ‘Dependent child’ means any natural, adopted or post-humous child or stepchild of the deceased who, at the time of death, is:

- i. Twenty-one (21) years of age or under;
- ii. Over twenty-one (21) years of age and a college student;
- iii. Over twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of hero’s death and not currently a college student, however is desirous of a college education or vocational training.
- iv. All dependents mentioned in B.7 i., ii., or iii. must start their education before the end of their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday year and must have continuous school attendance after that time.

- v. Should a dependent be more than twenty five (25) years of age at the time of the hero's death, education eligibility would run until the end of the second calendar year following the birthdate of the dependent – as an example the deceased expired in 1998, son then 27 years old on 9/30/98 – eligibility would continue until December 31, 1999, and remain providing there was continuous attendance after that time.”

EIGHTH: The date of each amendment's adoption is December 11, 1998.

NINETH: 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