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**FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE R.M. BEALL, SR. CHARITABLE OPERATING FOUNDATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporator hereby executes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes).

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Corporation shall be:

THE R.M. BEALL, SR. CHARITABLE OPERATING FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

Principal Office and Mailing Address

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of this Corporation shall be:

The R.M. Beall, Sr. Charitable Operating Foundation, Inc.

(Principal Office)

1806 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue East

Bradenton, FL 34208

(Mailing Address)

Post Office Box 25207

Bradenton, FL 34206-5207

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## ARTICLE III

Purposes

The general nature of the activities to be conducted by this Corporation, and the objects or purposes of this corporation, shall be as follows:

(a) Exclusively to receive and administer funds for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and to that end, to hold any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest in such property, without limitation as to amount or value; to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise, any such property, or any undivided interest in such property, without limitation as to amount or value; to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest or deal with the principle or the income thereof in such a manner as will best promote the purposes of the Corporation without limitation, except such limitations as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Corporation, or any applicable laws; and to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or an advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors, officers or members or any private individual.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

(c) During any period in which the Corporation may be classified as a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time:

(1) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

(2) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing (as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4941(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

(3) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings (as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code) which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943(a) or (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

(4) The Corporation shall not make any investments which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes or otherwise in such a manner as to subject it to tax

under Section 4944(a) or (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

(5) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures (as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code) which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Article or Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or regulations issued thereunder, as they now exist or as they may be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code, as they now exist or as they may hereafter by amended.

(e) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively to religious, charitable, scientific or educational organizations which would then qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE IV

Existence of Corporation

This Corporation shall exist in perpetuity.

ARTICLE V

Registered Office and Registered Agent

The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be located at 802 11<sup>th</sup> Street West Bradenton, Florida 34205, and the initial registered agent of this Corporation at such office shall be Robert G. Blalock. This Corporation shall have the right to change such registered office and such registered agent from time to time, as provided by law.

ARTICLE VI

Members

This Corporation shall have one class of members. The number, method for selection, qualification, rights and duties of members shall be as provided in the bylaws of this Corporation.

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## ARTICLE VII

### Board of Trustees

All powers of this Corporation shall be exercised by, or under the authority of, and the affairs of this Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the Board of Trustees, subject to all applicable laws. The number, method for selection, qualification, rights and duties of the trustees shall be provided in the bylaws.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Initial Board of Trustees

The initial Board of Trustees of this Corporation shall consist of three (3) members, such members to hold office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The name and street address of each initial trustee are:

Name	Address
R.M. Beall, II	1806 38 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East Bradenton, FL 34208
Stephen M. Knopik	1806 38 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East Bradenton, FL 34208
Betty Szymanski	6501 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave. West, Apt. W405 Bradenton, FL 34209
Cliff Walters	802 11 <sup>th</sup> St. West Bradenton, FL 34205
Beverly Beall	1806 38 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East Bradenton, FL 34208

## ARTICLE IX

### Incorporator

The name and street address of the incorporator making these Articles of Incorporation are:

R.M. Beall, II  
1806 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34208

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Stephen M. Knopik  
1806 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34208

ARTICLE X

ByLaws

The power to adopt the bylaws of this Corporation, to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws, or to adopt new bylaws, shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of this Corporation; provided, however, that any bylaw or amendment thereto as adopted by the Board of Trustees may be altered, amended or repealed by vote of the members entitled to vote thereon, or a new bylaw in lieu thereof may be adopted by the members, and the members may prescribe in any bylaw made by them that such bylaw shall not be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI

Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

This Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the members herein are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles for the uses and purposes therein stated.

  
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R.M. BEALL, II

  
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STEPHEN M. KNOPIK

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ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE AS REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, Robert G. Blalock having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named Corporation, at the registered office designated in the Articles of Incorporation, hereby agrees and consents to act in that capacity. The undersigned is familiar with and accepts the duties and obligations of that position.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001.

  
ROBERT G. BLALOCK

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