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SUBJECT: FINAL EXIT NETWORK OF FLORIDA, INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:			
\$70.00 Filing Fee	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate
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FROM: TAMES J CHASTAIN

Name (Printed or typed)

301 5. GULFSTREAM AUE. #304

Address

5ARASOTA, FL 34236

City, State & Zip

941/953-9539

Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

FINAL EXIT NETWORK OF FLORIDA, INC.

ONE

The name of the corporation shall be Final Exit Network of Florida, Inc.

TWO

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

THREE

- (a) The corporation is organized as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code. The corporation will have members. It is organized and shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable and educational uses and purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including but not limited to public education with respect to aging and the terminal condition and the provision of counsel and support to terminally ill individuals. In furtherance of such purposes, the corporation shall have full power and authority:
 - (i) To expend the corporation's funds and to make distributions in furtherance of the corporation's charitable and educational purposes;
 - (ii) To receive and accept property, whether real, personal, or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, or devise, from any person, firm,

trust, or corporation, to be held, administered, and disposed of In accordance with and pursuant to the governing instruments of the corporation, as the same may be amended from time to time; and

- (iii) To perform all other acts necessary or incidental to the above and to do whatever is deemed necessary, useful, advisable, or conducive, directly or indirectly, as determined by the Board of Directors, to carry out any of the purposes of the corporation set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, including the exercise of all other power and authority enjoyed by corporations generally by virtue of the provisions of the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code (subject, however, to the limitations of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Code).
- (b) The corporation shall serve only such purposes and functions and shall engage only in activities which are consonant with the purposes set forth in this Article Three, which are exclusively charitable and educational, and which are entitled to charitable and educational status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Code.

FOUR

The corporation is not organized and shall not be operated for pecuniary gain or profit.

(a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any officer or Director of the corporation or any other private person; but the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes set forth in Article Three.

- (b) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalfl of any candidate for public office (including the publication or distribution of statements).
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:
 - (i) By a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Code; or
 - (ii) By a corporation, contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Code.
- (d) It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of an organization which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Code. All terms and provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of the corporation and all authority and operations of the corporation shall be construed, applied, and carried out in accordance with such intent.

FIVE

- (a) 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 Code.
- (b) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code.

- (c) The corporation shall not retain any excess holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Code.
- (d) The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code.
- (e) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Code.

SIX

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs and any property and assets of the corporation. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to carry out the purposes and functions of the corporation. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the By-laws of the corporation and shall have the powers and duties set forth in these Articles of Incorporation and in the By-laws, to the extent that such powers and duties are not inconsistant with the status of the corporation as a nonprofit corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section (501 © (3) of the Code.

SEVEN

The initial Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of five members, whose names and addresses are set forth below. Each member of the initial Board of Directors shall serve as a Director until his or her successor has been elected and has qualified:

<u>NAME</u>	ADDRESS
Vernon Backes	4571 Legacy Court
	Sarasota, FL 34241
Nan Billings	3429 Tallywood Lane
	Sarasota, FL 34237
James J. Chastain	301 S. Gulfstream Ave., #304
	Sarasota, FL 34236
Sam Kaplan	1519 Pelican Point Drive, BA.19
	Sarasota, FL 34231
Sue Weeks	8136 Nice Way
	Sarasota, FL 34238

EIGHT

Upon dissolution of the corporation the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation by distributing such assets to an organization or organizations, to be determined by the Board of Directors, which are organized and operated exclusively for public charitable and educational uses and purposes, and which at such time qualify as exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction for the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located. Such disposition shall be made for the foregoing purposes to an organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such charitable and educational uses and purposes.

NINE

The initial registered office of the corporation shall be 301 S. Gulfstream Ave., Unit 304, Sarasota, Florida 34236. The initial registered agent of the corporation at such address shall be JAMES J. CHASTAIN.

TEN

The mailing address of the initial principal office of the corporation is 301 S. Gulfstream Avenue, Unit 304, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

ELEVEN

For purposes of these Articles of Incorporation, the term "charitable and educational" shall include charitable, religious, educational, literary, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501 © (3) of the Code, contributions for which are deductible under section 170 © (2) of the Code. All reference in these Articles of Incorporation to sections of the Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it may from time to time be amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any applicable future United States Internal Revenue Law, and to all regulations issued under such sections and provisions.

TWELVE

(a) A Director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for breach of duty of care or other duty as a Director, except for liability i(i) for any appropriation in violation of his or her duties of any business opportunity of the corporation, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or (iii) for any transaction from which such Director derived an improper personal benefit.

- (b) Any repeal or modification of the provisions of this Article shall be prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a Director of the corporation with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to the effective date of such repeal or modification.
- (c) If the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code or the Florida Business Corporation Code, as the case may be, is hereafter amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of Directors, then the liability of a Director of the corporation, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided herein, shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the amended Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code or the amended Florida Business Corporation Code, as the case may be.
- (d) In the event that any of the provisions of this Article (including any provision within a single sentence) are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions are severable and shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

THIRTEEN

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

James J. Chastain 301 S. Gulfstream Avenue, Unit 304 Sarasota, Florida 34236

FOURTEEN

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time and from time to time by the affirmative vote of a majority of all Directors then in office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

James J. Chastain, Incorporator Reg: stered Agent