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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CYPRESS CHASE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
(A Florida Corporation Not For Profit)**

In order to form a corporation not for profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporates this corporation not for profit for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth and, to that end, the undersigned, by these Articles of Incorporation, certifies as follows:

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

The following words and phrases when used in these Articles of Incorporation (unless the context clearly reflects another meaning) shall have the following meanings, or if not defined below as defined in the Declaration.

1. "Architectural Guidelines" means those design guidelines, rules and procedures established by Declarant pursuant to Section 4.3 of the Declaration, as may be amended from time to time by the Architectural Review Board (as defined in Article II, Section 2.1, of the Declaration).
2. "Articles" means these Articles of Incorporation and any amendments hereto.
3. "Assessments" means the assessments for which all Owners are obligated to the Association and includes "Individual Lot Assessments," "Benefited Assessments" and "Special Assessments" (as such terms are defined in the Declaration) and any and all other assessments which are levied by the Association in accordance with the Governing Documents.
4. "Association" means the Cypress Chase Community Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit. The "Association" is NOT a condominium Association and is not intended to be governed by Chapter 718, the Condominium Act, Florida Statutes.
5. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association.
6. "Builder" means any entity(ies) Declarant may designate as a Builder. Declarant shall have the right to assign, in whole or in part, any of its rights and/or responsibilities under the Declaration to a Builder(s).
7. "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the Association and any amendments thereto.
8. "Common Area" means the property more particularly described in Article XI of the Declaration.

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9. "Community" or "Cypress Chase" means the real property described in Exhibit "A" to the Declaration together with such additional property as is subjected to the Declaration in accordance with Article X of the Declaration.

10. "County" means Hillsborough County, Florida.

11. "Declarant" means Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc., a Florida corporation, or any successor or assign that is designated as Declarant in a recorded instrument which the immediately preceding Declarant executes. Any Person who at any time holds the rights of Declarant hereunder and subsequently transfers or assigns the rights of Declarant to another Person shall be known as a "Predecessor Declarant" and, unless otherwise agreed in writing, shall be entitled to the rights of a Predecessor Declarant established in the Declaration. Whether or not specifically stated, a Predecessor Declarant shall be afforded the same protection with respect to matters arising during its tenure as Declarant as the predecessor Declarant would have if it were still Declarant.

12. "Declaration" means the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Cypress Chase, which is intended to be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County, and any amendments thereto.

13. "Director" means a member of the Board.

14. "Governing Documents" means in the aggregate the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws and all of the instruments and documents referred to therein, including, but not limited to, any amendment(s) thereto.

15. "HOA Act" means the homeowners' association act, Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, as amended through the date the Declaration is recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

16. "Home" means a residential dwelling unit in Cypress Chase intended as a residence for one (1) family. The term "Home" shall include the "Lot" as defined below.

17. "Lot" means a portion of the Community, whether improved or unimproved, which may be independently owned and conveyed, and which is improved, or intended to be improved, with a Home. The term shall refer to the land, if any, which is part of the Lot as well as any improvements on the Lot. The boundaries of each Lot are shown on the Plat. Upon completion of construction of the Home on a Lot, such Lot and the improvements thereon shall collectively be considered to be a Home for purposes of these Articles and the other Governing Documents.

18. "Member" means a member of the Association.

19. "Operating Expenses" means the expenses for which Owners are liable to the Association as described in the Declaration and any other Governing Documents and include, but are not limited to, the costs and expenses incurred by the Association in administering, operating, maintaining, financing, or repairing, but not reconstructing, replacing or improving, the Common

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Area and improvements thereon and all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in carrying out its powers and duties hereunder or under any other Governing Documents.

20. "Owner" means the record owner, whether one (1) or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot within Cypress Chase, and includes Declarant for as long as Declarant owns fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding therefrom those having such interest as security for the performance of an obligation.

21. "Property" shall mean the real property subjected to the Declaration from time to time.

Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Declaration are incorporated herein by reference and shall appear in initial capital letters each time such terms appears in these Articles.

ARTICLE II
NAME

The name of this corporation shall be Cypress Chase Community Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). Its initial principal office and mailing address shall be at 551 North Cattlemen Road, Suite 200, Sarasota, Florida 34232.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSES

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to take title to, operate, administer, finance, insure, repair, replace, manage, lease and maintain the Common Area in accordance with the terms of, and purposes set forth in, the Governing Documents and to carry out the covenants and enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents.

ARTICLE IV
POWERS

The Association shall have the following powers and shall be governed by the following provisions:

A. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit.

B. The Association shall have all of the powers granted to the Association in the Governing Documents. All of the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws which grant powers to the Association are incorporated into these Articles.

C. The Association shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, the following:

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1. To perform any act required or contemplated by it under the Governing Documents.
2. To make, establish, amend, abolish (in whole or in part) and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area.
3. To make, levy and collect Assessments for the purpose of obtaining funds from its Members to pay Operating Expenses and other costs defined in the Declaration and costs of collection, and to use and expend the proceeds of Assessments in the exercise of the powers and duties of the Association.
4. To enforce by legal means the obligations of the Members and the provisions of the Governing Documents.
5. To employ personnel, retain independent contractors and professional personnel, and enter into service contracts to provide for the maintenance, operation, administration, financing, insuring, repairing, replacing, management and leasing of the Common Area and to enter into any other agreements consistent with the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, agreements with respect to professional management of the Common Area and to delegate to such professional management certain powers and duties of the Association.
6. To enter into the Declaration and any amendments thereto and instruments referred to therein.
7. To provide, to the extent deemed necessary by the Board, any and all services and do any and all things which are incidental to or in furtherance of things listed above or to carry out the Association mandate to keep and maintain Cypress Chase in a proper and aesthetically pleasing condition and to provide the Owners with services, amenities, controls, rules and regulations and enforcement which will enhance the quality of life at Cypress Chase.
8. To borrow money and to obtain such financing as is necessary to maintain, repair and replace the Common Area in accordance with the Declaration and, as security for any such loan, to collaterally assign the Association's right to collect and enforce Assessments levied for the purpose of repaying any such loan.
9. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Association shall be required to obtain the approval (at a duly called meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present) of seventy-five percent (75%) of all Members of the Association prior to the engagement of legal counsel by the Association for the purpose of suing, or making, preparing or investigating any lawsuit, or commencing any lawsuit other than for the following purposes:
 - (a) the collection of Assessments;
 - (b) the collection of other charges which Owners are obligated to pay pursuant to the Governing Documents;

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(c) the enforcement of any applicable use and occupancy restrictions contained in the Governing Documents;

(d) the enforcement of Association rules;

(e) the enforcement of the Architectural Guidelines;

(f) the enforcement of a contract entered into by the Association with vendors providing services to the Association;

(g) dealing with an emergency when waiting to obtain the approval of the Members creates a substantial risk of irreparable injury to the Common Area or to Member(s) (the imminent expiration of a statute of limitations shall not be deemed an emergency obviating the need for the requisite vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Members); or

(h) filing a compulsory counterclaim.

The costs of any legal proceedings initiated by the Association, which are not included in the above exceptions shall be financed by the Association only with monies that are collected for that purpose by Special Assessment(s) and the Association shall not borrow money, use reserve funds, or use monies collected for other Association obligations.

10. To operate, maintain, and manage the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System in a manner consistent with the requirements of SWFWMD Permit (as defined in the Declaration) and applicable rules; to assist in the enforcement of the Declaration's provisions relating to the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System; and to levy and collect adequate Assessments against Owners for the cost of maintenance and operation of the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System.

ARTICLE V MEMBERS AND VOTING

The qualification of Members of the Association, the manner of their admission to membership, the manner of the termination of such membership and the manner of voting by Members shall be as follows:

A. Until such time as the first deed of conveyance of a Home from Declarant to an Owner is recorded amongst the Public Records of the County ("First Conveyance"), the membership of the Association shall be comprised solely of Declarant. Until the First Conveyance, Declarant shall be entitled to cast the one (1) and only vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership.

B. Upon the First Conveyance, Declarant shall be a Member as to each of the remaining Lots until each such Lot is conveyed to another Owner, and thereupon and thereafter each and every Owner, including Declarant as to Lots owned by Declarant, shall be a Member and exercise all of the rights and privileges of a Member.

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C. Membership in the Association for Owners other than Declarant shall be established by the acquisition of ownership of fee simple title to a Lot as evidenced by the recording of an instrument of conveyance amongst the Public Records of the County. Where title to a Lot is acquired by conveyance from a party other than Declarant by means of sale, gift, inheritance, devise, judicial decree or otherwise, the person, persons or entity thereby acquiring such Lot shall not be a Member unless or until such Owner shall deliver a true copy of a deed or other instrument of acquisition of title to the Association.

D. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

1. "Class A Members" shall be the Owners of Lots in Cypress Chase, with the exception of Declarant while Declarant is a Class "B" Member, each of whom shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

2. "Class B Member" shall be Declarant, who shall be entitled to three times the total number of votes of the Class A Members plus one (1). Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Turnover Date"):

(a) Three (3) months after the conveyance of ninety percent (90%) of the Lots by Declarant, as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Lots amongst the Public Records of the County;

(b) upon the Class "B" Member abandoning or deserting its responsibility to maintain and complete the Community as described in the Governing Documents;

(c) upon the Class "B" Member filing a petition seeking protection under Chapter 7 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;

(d) upon the Class "B" Member losing title to the Property through a foreclosure action or the transfer of a deed in lieu of foreclosure, unless the successor owner has accepted an assignment of Declarant rights and responsibilities first arising after the date of such assignment;

(e) upon a receiver for the Class "B" Member being appointed by a circuit court and not being discharged within 30 days after such appointment, unless the court determines within 30 days after such appointment that transfer of control would be detrimental to the Association or the Members; or

(f) at such time as Declarant shall designate in writing to the Association.

On the Turnover Date, Class "A" Members, including Declarant, shall assume control of the Association and elect not less than a majority of the Board.

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Members other than Developer are entitled to elect at least one (1) member of the Board when fifty percent (50%) of the Homes in all phases of Cypress Chase which will ultimately be operated by the Association have been conveyed to Members.

E. The designation of different classes of membership are for purposes of establishing the number of votes applicable to certain Lots, and nothing herein shall be deemed to require voting solely by an individual class on any matter which requires the vote of Members, unless otherwise specifically set forth in the Governing Documents.

F. No Member may assign, hypothecate or transfer in any manner his or her membership in the Association except as an appurtenance to his or her Lot.

G. Any Member who conveys or loses title to a Lot by sale, gift, devise, bequest, judicial decree or otherwise shall, immediately upon such conveyance or loss of title, no longer be a Member with respect to such Lot and shall lose all rights and privileges of a Member resulting from ownership of such Lot.

H. There shall be only one (1) vote for each Lot, except for the Class B Member as set forth herein. If there is more than one (1) Member with respect to a Lot as a result of the fee interest in such Lot being held by more than one (1) person, such Members collectively shall be entitled to only one (1) vote. The vote of the Owners of a Lot owned by more than one (1) natural person or by a corporation or other legal entity shall be cast by the person named (the "Voting Member") in a voting certificate signed by all of the Owners of the Lot, or, if appropriate, by properly designated officers, partners or principals of the respective legal entity and filed with the Secretary of the Association, and such voting certificate shall be valid until revoked by a subsequent voting certificate. If such a voting certificate is not filed with the Secretary of the Association, the vote of such Lot shall not be considered for a quorum or for any other purpose.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, whenever any Lot is owned by a husband and wife they may, but shall not be required to, designate a Voting Member. In the event a voting certificate designating a Voting Member is not filed by the husband and wife, the following provisions shall govern their right to vote:

1. When both are present at a meeting, each shall be regarded as the agent and proxy of the other for purposes of casting the vote for each Lot owned by them. In the event they are unable to concur in their decision upon any topic requiring a vote, they shall lose their right to vote on that topic at that meeting, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

2. When only one (1) spouse is present at a meeting, the person present may cast the Lot vote without establishing the concurrence of the other spouse, absent any prior written notice to the contrary by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse, the vote of said Lot shall not be considered, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

3. When neither spouse is present, the person designated in a "Proxy" (as defined in the Bylaws) signed by either spouse may cast the Lot vote, when voting by Proxy is

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allowed, absent any prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse, the vote of said Lot shall not be considered, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

I. A quorum shall consist of persons entitled to cast at least thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the Members.

ARTICLE VI TERM

The term for which this Association is to exist shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution of the Association (unless same is reinstated), other than incident to a merger or consolidation, all of the assets of the Association shall be conveyed to a similar homeowners association or a public agency having a similar purpose, or any Member may petition the appropriate circuit court of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties in the place and stead of the dissolved Association and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties.

In the event of the Association's termination, dissolution, or final liquidation, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which complies with Section 40.D F.A.C. and is approved by the Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFWMD") prior to such termination, dissolution, or liquidation.

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of these Articles are: Mark F. Grant, 200 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1800, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the President of the Association, assisted by the Vice President(s), Secretary and Treasurer, and, if any, by the Assistant Secretary(ies) and Assistant Treasurer(s), subject to the directions of the Board. Except for officers elected prior to the Turnover Date, officers must be Members, or the parents, children or spouses of Members.

The Board shall elect the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall, from time to time, determine. The President shall be elected from amongst the membership of the Board, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two or more offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the office of President and a Vice President shall

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not be held by the same person, nor shall the office of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary or Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer be held by the same person.

**ARTICLE IX
FIRST OFFICERS**

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers by the Board are as follows:

President	Anthony J. Burdett
Vice President	Joseph Fontana
Vice President	Bob Thorne
Vice President	Tracy Briones
Treasurer	Bob Thorne
Secretary	Tracy Briones

**ARTICLE X
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. The number of Directors on the first Board of Directors of the Association ("First Board") and the "Initial Elected Board" (as hereinafter defined) shall be three (3). The number of Directors elected by the Members subsequent to the "Declarant's Resignation Event" (as hereinafter defined) shall be an odd number of no more than seven (7). The Board shall determine the number of Directors to comprise the Board from time to time. Except for Declarant-appointed Directors, Directors must be Members or the parents, children or spouses or shareholders, members, officers or directors of Members. There shall be only one (1) vote for each Director.

B. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors on the First Board are as follows:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Anthony J. Burdett	551 N. Cattlemen Road, Suite 200 Sarasota, FL 34232
Bob Thorne	551 N. Cattlemen Road, Suite 200 Sarasota, FL 34232
Tracy Briones	551 N. Cattlemen Road, Suite 200 Sarasota, FL 34232

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Declarant reserves the right to replace and/or designate and elect successor Directors to serve on the First Board for so long as the First Board is to serve, as hereinafter provided.

C. Declarant intends that Cypress Chase, if and when ultimately developed, will contain approximately sixty-nine (69) Lots with Homes constructed thereon (collectively, "Total Developed Lots"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Declarant has reserved the right in the Declaration to modify the Development Plan (as defined in the Declaration) for Cypress Chase, to add land to and withdraw land from Cypress Chase and the change the number of types of Homes to be constructed therein.

D. Upon the Turnover Date, the Members (including Declarant) shall be entitled to elect all the Directors. The election shall occur at a special meeting of the membership to be called by the Board for such purpose ("Initial Election Meeting"). The First Board shall serve until the Initial Election Meeting.

E. The Initial Election Meeting shall be called by the Association, through the Board, within sixty (60) days after the Members other than Declarant are entitled to elect a majority of Directors as provided in Paragraph D hereof. A notice of meeting shall be forwarded to all Members in accordance with the Bylaws; provided, however, that the Members shall be given at least fourteen (14) days' notice of such meeting. The notice shall also specify the number of Directors which shall be elected by the Members.

F. The Board shall continue to be so designated and elected, at each subsequent "Annual Members' Meeting" (as defined in the Bylaws).

G. A Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) may be removed from office upon the affirmative vote or the agreement in writing of a majority of the voting interests of Members for any reason deemed to be in the best interests of the Members. A meeting of the Purchaser Members to so remove a Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) shall be held upon the written request of ten percent (10%) of the Members. Any such recall shall be effected and a recall election shall be held, if applicable, as provided in the HOA Act.

H. The resignation of a Director who has been designated by Declarant or the resignation of an officer of the Association who has been elected by the First Board shall be deemed to remise, release, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge such Director or officer of and from any and all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which the Association or the Members had, now have or will have or which any personal representative, successor, heir or assign of the Association or the Members hereafter can, shall or may have against said Director or officer for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the day of such resignation, except for such Director's or officer's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

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ARTICLE XI
INDEMNIFICATION

Each and every Director and officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all costs, expenses and liabilities, including attorney and paralegal fees at all trial and appellate levels and post-judgment proceedings, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him/her in connection with any negotiation, proceeding, arbitration, litigation or settlement in which he/she becomes involved by reason of his or her being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, and the foregoing provision for indemnification shall apply whether or not such person is a Director or officer at the time such cost, expense or liability is incurred. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of any such settlement, the indemnification provisions provided in this Article XI shall not be automatic and shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement and reimbursement for the costs and expenses of such settlement as being in the best interest of the Association, and in the event a Director or officer admits that he/she is or is adjudged guilty of willful misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of his or her duties, the indemnification provisions of this Article XI shall not apply. The foregoing right of indemnification provided in this Article XI shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all rights of indemnification to which a Director or officer of the Association may be entitled under statute or common law.

ARTICLE XII
BYLAWS

The Bylaws shall be adopted by the First Board, and thereafter may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided for in the Bylaws. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the provisions of the Bylaws, the provisions of these Articles shall control.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS

A. Prior to the First Conveyance, these Articles may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by Declarant and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

B. After the First Conveyance, and prior to the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended solely by a majority vote of the Board, without the prior written consent of the Members, at a duly called meeting of the Board.

C. After the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended in the following manner:

1. (a) The Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members, which may be at either the Annual Members' Meeting or a special meeting. Any number of proposed amendments may be submitted to the Members and voted upon by them at one (1) meeting.

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(b) Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Member within the time and in the manner provided in the Bylaws for the giving of notice of meetings.

(c) At such meeting, a vote of the Members shall be taken on the proposed amendment(s). The proposed amendment(s) shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of Members in the Association.

2. An amendment may be adopted by a written statement (in lieu of a meeting) signed by all Members and all members of the Board setting forth their intention that an amendment to the Articles be adopted.

D. After the First Conveyance, these Articles may not be amended without the written consent of a majority of the members of the Board.

E. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article XIII to the contrary, these Articles shall not be amended in any manner which shall abridge, prejudice, amend or alter the rights of: (i) Declarant, without the prior written consent thereto by Declarant; and/or (ii) any "Institutional Mortgagee" (as such term is defined in the Declaration) without the prior written consent of such Institutional Mortgagee.

F. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XIII to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles shall be adopted which shall abridge, prejudice, amend or alter the rights of Declarant hereunder, including, but not limited to, Declarant's right to designate and select members of the First Board or otherwise designate and select Directors as provided in Article X hereof, nor shall any other amendment be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant.

G. Any instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular articles or articles being amended and shall provide a reasonable method to identify the amendment being made. A certified copy of each such amendment shall be attached to any certified copy of these Articles, and a copy of each amendment certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

ARTICLE XIV
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Association is 1200 South Pine Island Road, Plantation, FL 33324, and the initial registered agent of the Association at that address shall be NRAI Services, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has hereunto affixed his signature, this 3rd day of February, 2016.



MARK F. GRANT, Incorporator

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The undersigned hereby accepts the designation of Registered Agent as set forth in Article XIV of these Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledges that he/she is familiar with and accepts the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

REGISTERED AGENT:

NRAI SERVICES, INC.

By:

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