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**FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION
FLORIDA BENCHMARKING CONSORTIUM, INC.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FLORIDA BENCHMARKING CONSORTIUM, INC.**

The undersigned, being of legal age and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a not for profit corporation (the "Corporation") pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation, and hereby agrees and certifies as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be FLORIDA BENCHMARKING CONSORTIUM, INC.

**ARTICLE II.
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation shall be as follows:

110 Palermo Place
Lady Lake, FL 32159

**ARTICLE III.
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

This Corporation shall commence corporate existence immediately upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State, and shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE IV.
PURPOSES**

The general purpose of this Corporation shall be to operate exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purposes, and in furtherance of such goals is authorized to do any and all activities which it is empowered to do under these Articles provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as allowing any activities which would jeopardize the Corporation's tax-exempt status or otherwise be inconsistent with its classification as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or replaced from time to time (the "Code") and its regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, or as a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

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ARTICLE V.
GENERAL POWERS

This Corporation shall have all of the powers enumerated for corporations in the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, as it now exists and as hereafter amended, and all such other powers as are permitted by applicable law, including, without limitation and only by illustration, the following powers unless later restricted by applicable law:

- (a) To have succession by its corporate name for the duration of its existence.
- (b) To sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
- (c) To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed, affixed, or in any other manner reproduced provided; however, such seal shall always contain the words "corporation not for profit."
- (d) To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- (e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, create security interests in, lease, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.
- (f) To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- (g) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, educational, or other similar purposes.
- (h) To increase, pursuant to the bylaws, the number of its directors, so that the number shall not be less than three but may be any number in excess thereof.
- (i) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise sell and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.
- (j) To make contracts and guarantees and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as it may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, and income.
- (k) To conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.

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(l) To conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.

(m) To elect or appoint officers and agents and define their duties and allow them reasonable compensation.

(n) To adopt, change, amend and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or with the laws of the State of Florida, for the administration and regulation of its affairs and the exercise of its powers.

(o) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purpose.

(p) To merge and consolidate with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, provided that the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE VI. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The Corporation shall not allow any part of the net earnings of the Corporation to inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any private person, member, director or officer of the Corporation (except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article V hereinabove), nor shall any member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Corporation's assets on dissolution of the Corporation, nor shall a substantial part of the activities of the Corporation be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene (including the publication and distribution of statements) in the political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Provided, further, that if at any time the Corporation is deemed to be a Private Foundation as defined by Section 509 of the Code, then for so long as the Corporation is deemed a Private Foundation, the following provisions shall also be applicable:

1. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code.

2. The Corporation shall not retain any "excess business holdings" as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943(a) of the Code.

3. The Corporation shall not make any investments which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes or in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code.

4. The Corporation shall not make any "taxable expenditures" as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945(a) of the Code.

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5. 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(a) of the Code.

ARTICLE VII.
DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution, the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation and the liquidation, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively, as said court shall determine, for such purposes or to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII.
REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Julia D. Dennis, Esq.
Shuffield, Lowman & Wilson, P.A.
1000 Legion Place, Suite 1700
Orlando, FL 32801

The Corporation may change its registered agent or the location of its registered office, or both, from time to time without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IX.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is ten (10). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the bylaws of the Corporation, but in no event shall the number of Directors be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Directors and officers until successor Directors and officers are elected and shall qualify are as follows:

Susan Boyer
110 Palermo Place
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Executive Director

Brian Rewis
110 Palermo Place
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Director

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Kristen Bishop	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

Gordon Burger	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

John Michael Fischer	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

Terry Henley	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

Asheley Hepburn	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

Sophia Holt	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

Larry Martin	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

Carlos Maxwell	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

Randy Phillips	Director
110 Palermo Place	
Lady Lake, FL 32159	

ARTICLE X.
INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles as incorporator is:

Julia D. Dennis, Esq.
Shuffield, Lowman & Wilson, P.A.
1000 Legion Place, Suite 1700
Orlando, FL 32801

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ARTICLE XI.
BYLAWS

Except as otherwise provided by law, the power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII.
INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless all its directors, officers, employees and agents, and former directors, officers, employees and agents from and against all liabilities and obligations, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any actions taken or failed to be taken by said directors, officers, employees and agents in their capacity as such to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law.

ARTICLE XIII.
AMENDMENT

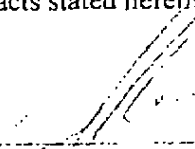
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time by a resolution adopted by a vote of a majority of the directors present at any annual or special meeting provided a quorum is present, provided that due notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the board of directors in accordance with the By-laws.

ARTICLE XIV.
HEADINGS, CAPTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

The headings or captions of these various Articles are inserted for convenience and none of them shall have any force or effect, and the interpretation of the various Articles shall not be influenced by any of said headings or captions.

References to "the Code" herein shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law in effect at any time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, to do business both within and without the State of Florida, hereby makes and files these Articles of Incorporation declaring and certifying that the facts stated herein are true, and hereunto sets her hand this 12th day of March, 2019.

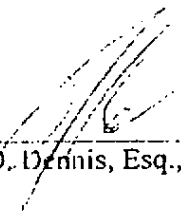

Julia D. Dennis, Esq., as Incorporator

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**ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT
BY INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

THE UNDERSIGNED, an individual resident of the State of Florida, having been named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as initial Registered Agent at the office designated therein, hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to act in such capacity. The undersigned hereby states that she is familiar with, and hereby accepts, the obligations set forth in Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, and the undersigned will further comply with any other provisions of law made applicable to her as Registered Agent of the corporation.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2019.



Julia D. Dennis, Esq., Registered Agent