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**FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION
THE MERRITT CHARITABLE FUND INC.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE MERRITT CHARITABLE FUND INC.**

The undersigned, acting as the Incorporator of **THE MERRITT CHARITABLE FUND INC.** under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986¹ (the "Code") submits the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the Corporation is **THE MERRITT CHARITABLE FUND INC.** (the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II
INITIAL PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The Corporation's initial principal place of business and mailing address shall be:

400 Alton Road, #1506
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal place of business and mailing address office of the Corporation to any other addresses in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III
DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State.

ARTICLE IV
PURPOSES

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational, to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment) or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and any rulings or regulations thereunder, including but not limited to providing and/or funding medical, educational and/or social services for children, adults and their families. In carrying out such purposes, the Corporation shall have all of the powers and authorities granted by statute and law,

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all references are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Title 26 of the United States Code, including corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

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including the power and authority to accept gifts, devises and other contributions for charitable purposes, to hold and administer the funds and properties received and to expend, contribute and otherwise dispose of funds or properties for charitable purposes either directly or by contribution to other Code Section 501(c)(3) organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes; provided, however, said powers and authorities shall be exercised only in furtherance of charitable purposes.

ARTICLE V **POWERS**

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or in cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, desirable, suitable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster or attain any of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are set forth in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations described in Code Section 501(c)(3), including any rulings and regulations thereunder.

ARTICLE VI **MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation shall have the following Member:

TERESA M. KLAASSEN

ARTICLE VII **DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the members of which shall be elected and removed by the Member(s) in accordance with Bylaws adopted for the Corporation. The number of members of the Board of Directors shall be fixed as set forth in Bylaws adopted for the Corporation; provided, however, the Corporation shall never have less than three (3) members of the Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors, consisting of those persons who shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, are:

Teresa M. Klaassen
400 Alton Road, #1506
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Christin Soly
4101 Taylor Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22032

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David Merritt Klaassen
7916 Holland Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22306

Lindsey Klaassen
2250 Clarendon Blvd., #1108
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Martha Haverkamp
53 Irving Place, Apt. 6F
New York, New York 10003

ARTICLE VIII **OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided by Bylaws adopted for the Corporation. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors in the manner set forth in Bylaws adopted for the Corporation. The names and addresses of the initial officers are:

<u>Name and address</u>	<u>Office</u>
Teresa M. Klaassen 400 Alton Road, #1506 Miami Beach, Florida 33139	President
Christin Soly 4101 Taylor Drive Fairfax, Virginia 22032	Vice President
David Merritt Klaassen 7916 Holland Road Alexandria, Virginia 22306	Secretary
Lindsey Klaassen 2250 Clarendon Blvd., #1108 Arlington, Virginia 22201	Treasurer

ARTICLE IX **BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors shall provide such Bylaws for the conduct of the Corporation's business and for the carrying out of the Corporation's purposes as the Board of Directors may deem necessary from time to time.

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ARTICLE X **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and shall be approved by a majority of the Member(s) at an annual or special meeting, or written consent in lieu of such meeting, in accordance with Section 617.1002 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE XI **LIMITATIONS ON ACTIONS**

All of the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes hereinabove set forth, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any members, trustees, officers, directors or any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make distributions and payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the Corporation's activity shall be for the carrying on of a program of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 501(h); and the Corporation shall not participate in or interfere or intervene with (including the publication or distribution of statements regarding) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from U.S. federal income taxation under Code Section 501(c)(3) or any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 70(c)(2). The Corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, and distribute no part of its net income or assets to any members, trustees, directors or officers or any other private persons, and the private property of any members, trustees, directors or officers or any other private person shall not be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

In particular, but without limitation of the generality of the foregoing paragraph, during such time as the Corporation may be considered a private foundation as defined in Code Section 509(a), it shall not fail to 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 Code Section 4942; engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code Section 4941(d); retain any excess business holdings as defined in Code Section 4943(c); make any investment in such manner as to subject it to tax under Code Section 4944; or make any taxable expenditures as defined in Code Section 4945(d).

ARTICLE XII **DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of or provision for all liabilities of the including costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be utilized exclusively for the exempt purposes of the Corporation or distributed to an

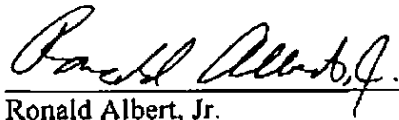
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organization described in and qualified under Code Section 501(c)(3), as shall be selected by the last Board of Directors of the Corporation. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, trustee, officer or director of the Corporation or any other private person. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of common pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XIII
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 201 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 800, Miami, Florida 33131, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is LAW CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.

The undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation this 17th day of November, 2017.



Ronald Albert, Jr.
201 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 800
Miami, Florida 33131

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**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT
DESIGNATED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**


That **TERESA M. KLAASSEN FAMILY PRIVATE FOUNDATION INC.** desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, has named **LAW CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.** as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-referenced Corporation at 201 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 800, Miami, Florida 33131, the undersigned hereby agrees to act in this capacity, agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of the duties of a registered agent, and accepts the duties and obligations of Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes.

Dated this 24 day of November, 2017.

LAW CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.

By: 
Name: Ronald Albert, Jr.
Title: Vice President

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