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- Boys Town National Research Hospital
- Central Institute for the Deaf
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Harvard Medical School
- Institute of Ophthalmology, London
- Johns Hopkins University
- Louisiana State University
- Max-Planck Inst. for Molecular Genetics, Berlin
- National Eye Institute
- New Jersey Medical School
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Oregon Health Sciences University
- Retina Foundation of the Southwest
- Rockefeller University
- Roswell Park Cancer Institute
- Scheie Eye Institute
- The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto
- The Jackson Laboratory
- Trinity College, Dublin
- University Hospital Eppendorf, Germany
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- Washington University
- Western General Hospital, Edinburgh
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## The Foundation Fighting Blindness

To cure RP (retinitis pigmentosa), macular degeneration, Usher syndrome and related retinal degenerative diseases

March 16, 1998

Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: Nonprofit Corp. Annual Report NRPf # 853259  
Nonprofit Corp. Annual Report NRPf # 730863

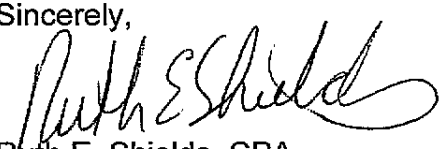
Dear Ms. Mortham:

Effective 10/21/97, the legal name of the Foundation has changed from National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc. to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc. A copy of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is enclosed for your reference.

Accordingly, please change the referenced files to reflect the name change.

If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 785-1414, extension 139.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
Ruth E. Shields, CPA  
Director of Finance

N/c

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Enclosed are appropriate forms for change of name.

Any questions, feel free to give me a call at (850) 487-6901 - Susan Payne

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NONPROFIT CORPORATION

APPLICATION BY FOREIGN NONPROFIT CORPORATION TO FILE AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR CONDUCTING AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA (Pursuant to s. 617.1504, F.S.)

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SECTION I (1-3 MUST BE COMPLETED)

- 1. National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc. Name of corporation as it appears on the records of the Department of State.
2. Maryland Incorporated under laws of
3. 6/28/82 Date authorized to conduct affairs in Florida

SECTION II (4-7 COMPLETE ONLY THE APPLICABLE CHANGES)

- 4. If the amendment changes the name of the corporation, when was the change effected under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation? 10/21/97
5. The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc. Name of corporation after the amendment, adding suffix "corporation" or "incorporated", or appropriate abbreviation, if not contained in new name of the corporation.
6. If the amendment changes the period of duration, indicate new period of duration and the date the change was effected. N/A New Duration Date
7. If the amendment changes the jurisdiction of incorporation, indicate new jurisdiction and the date the change was effected. N/A New Jurisdiction Date
8. If the purpose which the corporation intends to pursue in Florida has changed indicate new purpose. N/A

The corporation is authorized to pursue such purpose in the jurisdiction of its incorporation.

Harriet L. Finkelstein Signature 4/6/98 Date
Harriet L. Finkelstein Typed or printed name Vice Chairman Title

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION

APPROVED FOR RECORD

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO

10/21/97 AS 10296

THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

NATIONAL RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA FOUNDATION, INC.

21 NOV 29

THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purpose of amending the Articles of Incorporation of National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc., a nonstock corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, (the "Corporation"), hereby certifies:

FIRST: The following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the Corporation in the manner prescribed by the Annotated Code of Maryland, Corporations and Associations:

Article SECOND is hereby deleted and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

7-295 819

"SECOND: The name of the corporation (which is hereinafter called the "Foundation") is: THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS, INC.

SECOND: There being no provisions for members in the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation, the amendment was approved by a majority of the entire Board of Trustees of the Corporation, who, pursuant to § 5-204 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Corporations and Associations, constitute the members of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Articles of Amendment to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and attested by its Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereunder affixed at the meeting at which the Articles of Amendment were approved and its President acknowledges that these Articles of Amendment are the act and deed of the Corporation and, under penalties of perjury, that the matters and facts set forth herein with respect to authorization and approval are true in all material respects to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

NATIONAL RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA FOUNDATION, INC.

(Seal)

By: Edward Gallab  
Name: Edward Gallab  
Title: President

I.D. NO# D0361139  
ACKN. NO. - 081C3111524  
THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS, INC.

Attest:   
By:   
Name:   
Title: Secretary

STATE OF MARYLAND  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION  
Custodian

I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the page document on file in this office. DATED: 10/21/97

BY: *[Signature]*