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Via Federal Express

Florida Secretary of State
Registration Section
Division of Corporations
409 East Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: F.M. Property Associates, L.L.C.
Meridian Partners I, L.L.C.

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****320.00 ****160.00

EFFECTIVE DATE
4/11/00

Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed you will find an original and one copy of the Articles of Organization for each of F.M. Property Associates, L.L.C. and Meridian Partners I, L.L.C.

Please file these documents as provided by law and return to the undersigned the enclosed copy as well as the Certificate of Organization. When filing, please note Article II which provides for an effective date of April 10, 2000.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$320.00 representing the \$100.00 filing fee, the \$25.00 Registered Agent Designation fee, \$30.00 for a Certified Copy and \$5.00 for a Certificate of Status for each limited liability company.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John A. Garner
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① effective date
② authorized rep
③ RA must sign

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c: John R. Yurtchuk w/ enc.

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Please Respond to: Pelican Bay

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May 4, 2000

Ms. Diane Cushing
Florida Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: F.M. Property Associates, L.L.C.
Meridian Partners I, L.L.C.

Dear Ms. Cushing:

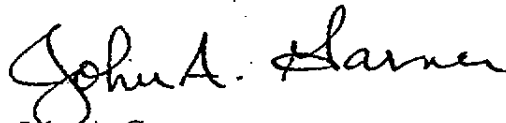
Pursuant to your letters of April 26, 2000, one for each of the above entities, copies of which are enclosed, enclosed you will find a corrected original and one copy of the Articles of Organization for each of F.M. Property Associates, L.L.C. and Meridian Partners I, L.L.C.

Please file these documents as provided by law and return to the undersigned the enclosed copy as well as the Certificate of Organization. When filing, please note Article II which provides for an effective date of April 11, 2000, the date in your letter indicated as the earliest possible date.

You have our check in the amount of \$320.00 representing the \$100.00 filing fee, the \$25.00 Registered Agent Designation fee, \$30.00 for a Certified Copy and \$5.00 for a Certificate of Status for each limited liability company.

Thank you for your assistance, and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


John A. Garner

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

April 26, 2000

JOHN A. GARNER
WOODWARD PIRES & LOMBARDO, P.A.
801 LAUREL OAK DR., SUITE 710
NAPLES, FL 34108

SUBJECT: MERIDIAN PARTNERS I, L.L.C.
Ref. Number: W00000011015

We have received your document for MERIDIAN PARTNERS I, L.L.C. and your check(s) totaling \$160.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Pursuant to section 608.409(2), F.S., the effective date must be specific, cannot be more than five business days prior to the date of filing or more than 90 days after the date of filing. Our office received your document on April 18, 2000. Please amend your document accordingly.

Section 608.407, Florida Statutes, requires the document(s) to be signed by a member or by the authorized representative of a member.

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please indicate whether you are signing as a member or as a authorized representative on page 4. The earliest date we can give you as an effective date is the 11th.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6913.

Diane Cushing
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 900A00022973

**Articles of Organization of
Meridian Partners I, L.L.C.**

EFFECTIVE DATE
4/11/00

The undersigned certifies that more than one person have associated themselves together for the purpose of becoming a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, rights, privileges, and immunities of limited liability companies for profit. It is further declared that the following Articles shall serve as the Charter and authority for the conduct of business of the limited liability company.

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The name of the limited liability company shall be **Meridian Partners I, L.L.C.**, and its principal office shall be located at 1101 West Ocean Drive #11, Key Colony Beach, Florida 33051, but it shall have the power and authority to establish branch offices at any other place or places as the members may designate. The mailing address of the limited liability company shall be 1101 West Ocean Drive #11, Key Colony Beach, Florida 33051.

**ARTICLE II
EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Articles of Organization shall be effective as of April 11, 2000.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSES AND POWERS**

In addition to the powers authorized by the laws of the State of Florida for limited liability companies, the general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted, and which the limited liability company is authorized to transact, shall be as follows:

1. To engage in any activity or business authorized under the Florida Statutes.
2. In general, to carry on any and all incidental business; to have and exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida, and to do any and all things set forth in these Articles to the same extent as a natural person might or could do.

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3. To purchase or otherwise acquire, undertake, carry on, improve, or develop, all or any of the business, good will, rights, assets, and liabilities of any person, firm, association, or corporation carrying on any kind of business of a similar nature to that which this limited liability company is authorized to carry on, pursuant to the provisions of these Articles; and to hold, utilize, and in any manner dispose of the rights and property so acquired.

4. To enter into and make all necessary contracts for its business with any person, entity, partnership, association, corporation, domestic or foreign, or of any domestic or foreign state, government, or governmental authority, or of any political or administrative subdivision, or department, and to perform and carry out, assign, cancel, or rescind any of such contracts.

5. To exercise all or any of the limited liability company powers, and to carry out all or any of the purposes, enumerated in these Articles and otherwise granted or permitted by law, while acting as agent, nominee, or attorney-in-fact for any persons or corporations, and perform any service under contract or otherwise for any corporation, joint stock company, association, partnership, firm, syndicate, individual, or other entity, and in this capacity or under this arrangement develop, improve, stabilize, strengthen, or extend the property and commercial interest of the property and to aid, assist, or participate in any lawful enterprise in connection with or incidental to the agency, representation, or service, and to render any other service or assistance it may lawfully do under the laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, rights, privileges, and immunities of limited liability companies for profit.

6. To do everything necessary, proper, advisable, or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, or the attainment of any of the objects, or the furtherance of any of the powers set forth in these Articles, either alone or in association with others incidental or pertaining to, or going out of, or connected with its business or powers, provided the same shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida.

The several clauses contained in this statement of the general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted shall be construed as both purposes and powers of this limited liability company, and statements contained in each clause shall, except as otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause. They shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

Nothing contained in these Articles shall be deemed or construed as authorizing or permitting, or purporting to authorize or permit the limited liability company to carry on any business, exercise any power, or do any act which a limited liability company may not, under Florida laws, lawfully carry on, exercise, or do.

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTIONS**

Members shall have the right to admit new members by unanimous consent. Contributions required of new members shall be determined as of the time of admission to the limited liability company.

A member's interest in the limited liability company may not be sold or otherwise transferred except with unanimous written consent of all members.

**ARTICLE V
CONTINUITY**

On the death, retirement, resignation, expulsion, bankruptcy, or dissolution of a member, or the occurrence of any other event that terminates the continued membership of a member in the limited liability company, the remaining members shall have the right to continue the business on unanimous consent of the remaining members.

**ARTICLE VI
MANAGEMENT**

This limited liability company shall be managed by one manager. The name and address of the person who shall serve as manager until the first meeting of the members is John R. Yurtchuk, 1101 West Ocean Drive #11, Key Colony Beach, Florida 33051.

**ARTICLE VII
AGENCY POWERS OF MEMBERS**

Every member of this company has the express and specific agency power to bind the entity only when the member is acting pursuant to written resolutions or memorandum of this entity.

**ARTICLE VIII
DURATION**


This limited liability company shall exist perpetually, or until dissolved in a manner provided by law, or as provided in the regulations adopted by the members.

**ARTICLE IX
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The address of the initial registered office of the limited liability company is Suite 710, 801 Laurel Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108-2707, and the name of the company's initial registered agent at that address is John A. Garner.

The undersigned, being an authorized representative of one of the members of the limited liability company, certifies that this instrument constitutes the Articles of Organization of Meridian Partners I, L.L.C.

Executed by the undersigned at Naples, Florida, on May 3, 2000.


John A. Garner
Authorized Representative

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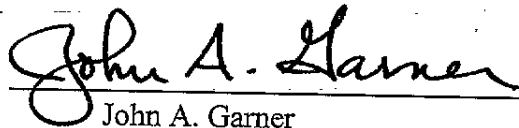
Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 608.415 and 608.407(1)(d) of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, the limited liability company identified below submits the following statement in designating its registered office and registered agent in the State of Florida:

The name of the limited liability company is Meridian Partners I, L.L.C.

The name of the registered agent for Meridian Partners I, L.L.C., is John A. Garner and the street address of the company's principal office where the agent is located is Suite 710, 801 Laurel Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108-2707.

This statement is to acknowledge that, as indicated above, Meridian Partners I, L.L.C., appointed me, John A. Garner, as its registered agent to accept service of process for the company at the place designated above in this certificate. I accept this appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated: May 3, 2000.


John A. Garner

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