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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE BENNETT GROUP, LLC

ARTICLE I Name

The name of the limited liability company ("Company") is The Bennett Group, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The mailing and street address of the Company's principal office is 2823 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1, Ellenton, Florida 34222.

ARTICLE III Duration

The period of duration for the Company is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV Registered Agent and Office

The name of the Company's initial registered agent in Florida is Jeffrey S. Goethe. The address of the Company's registered office in Florida is 3119 Manatec Ave. W, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

ARTICLE V Management

A. The Company is to be managed by Managers who will generally serve from annual meeting to annual meeting of the Members or until a replacement is qualified and elected. The initial Managers, however, shall serve until the organizational meeting of the Company and are identified as follows:

RICHARD C. BENNETT, whose address is 2823 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1, Ellenton, Florida 34222.

- SALLY S. BENNETT, whose address is 2823 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1, Ellenton, Florida 34222.
- B. Each Manager, without the consent of the others, shall have the authority to exercise all powers of the Company and to do all things necessary to carry out its business and affairs described in Florida Statutes Section 608.404, as from time to time amended, including, but not limited to, the power to acquire, mortgage, encumber, sell, lease, convey, and transfer the

Company's real and personal property, except:

- 1. Only the Manager duly elected to the office of President shall have the authority to:
- a. Refinance, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber Company property, or;
- b. File a petition in bankruptcy, make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or application for other such relief available under similar laws or regulations, or;
- c. Sell, convey, transfer, assign, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of any Company real property or all or a substantial portion of the Company's other properties or lease any Company property for more than ten (10) years, or;
- d. Hire, terminate, or modify the terms of employment of any Manager, or;
- e. Cause this Company to enter into a joint venture or partnership with any other person or entity, or;
 - Invest in the debt or equity of any other entity, or;
- g. Authorize this Company to be a party to any merger, consolidation, reclassification, reorganization or other similar transaction.
- 2. Without having first obtained the prior written consent of all of the Members, amend these Articles or the Operating Agreement of the Company to:
- a. Reduce the ownership interest, rights, privileges, or benefits or enlarge the duties and obligations of the Members, or;
- b. Enlarge the ownership interest, rights, privileges, or benefits or reduce the duties and obligations of the Managers, or;
 - e. Modify the duration of this Company, or:
- d. Affect the rights or restrictions regarding the assignability of Member ownership interests, or;
 - e. Amend this Article V, or:
 - f. Dissolve or terminate the existence of this Company, or;
 - g. Do any act that is prohibited by, or fail to do any act that is

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required by, a resolution of the Members.

If any Member shall not object in writing to the Manager(s)'s request for consent pursuant to this Article V within five (5) business days of receipt of such request, such Member shall be deemed to have consented to the Manager(s)'s request.

C. A "majority in interest," without more, shall mean a simple majority, as determined by their ownership interest percentages in the Company, of the Member(s) of the Company.

ARTICLE VI Continuation of Business

A majority in interest of the remaining Members of the Company have the right to continue the business on the death, retirement, resignation, expulsion, hankruptcy, or dissolution of a Member or the occurrence of any other event which terminates the continued membership of a Member in the Company.

ARTICLE VII Profits and Losses Aflocation

Profits and losses will be allocated to the Members in accordance with the Operating Agreement of the Company.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

Subject to the restrictions set forth in Article V above, these Articles may be amended by filing Articles of Amendment with the Florida Department of State signed by a Member and countersigned by a Manager other than the executing Member, provided, however, that if a single individual is the sole Member and Manager, only that individual shall be required to sign said Articles of Amendment.

ARTICLE IX Commencement

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 608, Florida Statutes, this Company shall begin in existence upon filing of these Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State.

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RICHARD C. BENNETT, Member

SALLY S. BENNETT, Member

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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATED REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statute Section 608.415, the undersigned submits the following statement as the designated registered agent and registered office in the State of Florida for THE BENNETT GROUP, LLC:

- 1. My name as registered agent and the address of my office, which shall serve as the registered office for the above-referenced limited liability company, are: Jeffrey S. Goethe, Barnes Walker & Lakin, Chartered, 3119 Manatee Ave. W, Bradenton, FL 34205.
- 2. Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the abovenamed limited liability company at the office designated in this certificate. I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity and to maintain its registered office. 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: March 16,2006.

Jeffrey S. Goethe, Registered Agent