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MERGING:

MEDNEXT INC., a Florida corporation L22921

INTO

MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK, INC., an Indiana entity not qualified in Florida.

File date: April 18, 2001

Corporate Specialist: Annette Ramsey

ARTICLES OF MERGER MERGING MEDNEXT, INC. INTO MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK, INC.

Corporation Acts

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.1104 of the Florida Business Corporation the undersigned corporation hereby executes the following Articles of Merger:

FIRST: Attached hereto as Exhibit A are resolutions containing a Plan of Merger providing for the merger of Mednext, Inc., a Florida corporation, into Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc., an Indiana corporation and the surviving corporation.

SECOND: The resolutions attached hereto as Exhibit A were adopted by the Board of Directors of Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. on April 2, 2001. Approval of the merger by the shareholders of Mednext, Inc. and Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. was not required.

THIRD: Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. owns 100% of the outstanding shares of Mednext, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Vice President of the surviving corporation, executes these Articles of Merger and verifies, subject to penalties of perjury, that the statements contained herein are true, this ________ day of April, 2001.

(Carmen Diersen, Vice President

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EXHIBIT A

Approval of Plan of Merger

RESOLVED, that the following Plan of Merger of Mednext, Inc. into Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. is hereby declared advisable, adopted and approved:

- 1. Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc., as the owner of 100% of the outstanding shares of Mednext, Inc., shall merge Mednext, Inc. into Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-1-40-4 of the Indiana Code and Section 607.1104 of the Florida Business Corporation Act.
- 2. In connection with such merger, Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc., as the surviving corporation, shall assume all of the obligations of Mednext, Inc. outstanding at the effective time of the merger.
- 3. The shares of Mednext, Inc. shall not be converted into shares of Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. but shall, at the effective time of the merger, be surrendered and extinguished without payment of any cash or the delivery of any other consideration.
- 4. The effective time of the merger herein provided for shall be the later of (i) the date of filing of Articles of Merger with the Secretary of State of Indiana and (ii) the date of filing Articles of Merger with the Secretary of State of Florida.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute Articles of Merger embodying the foregoing Plan, to cause the same to be filed in the manner required by law, and to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents and instruments as may be necessary to effect such merger.