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SUBJECT: THE FORTRESS FOUNDATION, INC.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: PAT F. ENGELHARDT-PROVENCE
Name (Printed or typed)

4680 ST. CROIX LANE, #537
Address

NAPLES, FL 34109
City, State & Zip

941-594-7715 FAX: 941-594-1513
Daytime Telephone number

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

December 30, 1999

PAT F. ENGELHARDT-PROVENCE
4680 ST CROIX LANE #537
NAPLES, FL 34109

SUBJECT: THE FORTRESS FOUNDATION, INC.
Ref. Number: W99000029754

We have received your document for THE FORTRESS FOUNDATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

Please return the original and one copy of 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) 487-6928.

Tim Burch
Document Specialist

Letter Number: 899A00060843

EFFECTIVE DATE

01-01-00

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
of
THE FORTRESS FOUNDATION, Inc.
A Florida Corporation

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- FIRST.** The name of this Corporation is: **THE FORTRESS FOUNDATION, Inc.**
- SECOND.** It's principal office and location of the Registered Agent in the State of Florida is to be located at 4680 St. Croix LN, #537, Naples, FL 34109.
- THIRD.** The nature of this **PRIVATELY FUNDED NON-PROFIT** business and, the objects and purposes proposed to be promoted and carried on, are to engage in charitable, educational, relief and humanitarian endeavors in conformance with our mission statement. **The Corporation shall file whatever documentation is required by the Internal Revenue Service to achieve the status and designation of an IRS 501(c)(3) Corporation as soon as possible.**
- FOURTH.** The powers of the Incorporator are to terminate upon filing of the Certificate of Incorporation, and the name and mailing address of the person who is to serve as both Registered Agent, Director, President and Secretary until the first annual meeting of stockholders; or, until their successors are elected and qualified is as follows:

Pat F. Engelhardt-Provence
4680 St. Croix LN, #537
Naples, FL 34109

[Note: The above individual to serve as Director (#1), President and Secretary for as long as she may choose.]

Director #2: Terry E. Provence, their heirs or assigns shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors (or Head of the Board of Advisors), Treasurer, and Asset Manager for life, or at his/their leisure.

Pat. F. Engelhardt-Provence, Terry E. Provence, a member of their family, or decedents from either shall always have the option of serving as President and/or Chairman of the Board for as long as such family member(s) shall be available.

The third initial Director, initially appointed for a three year term, shall be Dr. Shirley P. Ballard of Tampa, FL.

Other than lifetime Directors, new Directors/Advisors will be added as needed and will appointed or elected to varying terms in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation. The minimum number of Directors/Advisors shall be the minimum allowed under Florida law, and the

maximum shall be as determined by the Board (not to exceed twenty).

FIFTH. The name and address of the initial Registered Agent is as follows:

Pat F. Engelhardt-Provence
4680 St. Croix LN, #537
Naples, FL 34109

SIXTH. Incorporation to be effective January 1, 2000.

SEVENTH. Authorized Shares of the Corporation will be ONE THOUSAND shares of NO PAR VALUE. All of the Corporation's stock, exclusive of treasury share, shall be held for record by no more than ten (10) persons. Once IRS 501(c)(3) status is acquired, all shares shall be held as appropriate under the law. The Corporation shall make no offering of any of its stock of any class which would constitute a "public offering" within the meaning of the United States Securities Act of 1933, or as it may be amended from time to time.

I, **THE UNDERSIGNED**, for the purposes of forming a Non-profit Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida do make, file and record this certificate, and do certify that the facts herein stated are true; and I have accordingly hereunto set my hand.

Date: 21st December 1999.

Dated at: Naples, Collier County, Florida

Pat F. Engelhardt-Provence
Pat F. Engelhardt-Provence, Incorporator

Notary:

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the 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.

Pat F. Engelhardt-Provence
Pat F. Engelhardt-Provence, Registered Agent