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January 7, 2000

Secretary of State **Division of Corporations** Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

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RE: THE RONNIE FOUNDATION, INC.

Dear Madam or Sir:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Designation of Registered Agent for service of process on the above-captioned corporation, together with our firm check in the amount of \$78.75 representing your filing and certified copy fee.

Please process these documents accordingly and return a certified copy as soon as possible in the enclosed pre-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention herein. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact me at anytime.

Very truly yours,

JOHN W. MERTING

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### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

January 18, 2000

JOHN W. MERTING, P.A. 421 NORTH PALAFOX STREET PENSACOLA, FL 32501

SUBJECT: THE RONNIE FOUNDATION, INC.

Ref. Number: W0000001321

We have received your document for THE RONNIE FOUNDATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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) 487-6933.

Teresa Brown Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 400A00002302

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# THE RONNIE FOUNDATION, INC.



The undersigned, being desirous of forming a corporation for charitable and philanthropic purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, does agree to the following:

### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is **THE RONNIE FOUNDATION**, **INC.**, a Florida corporation not for profit.

### ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

The general nature of the purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (a) To combat illegal under-age drinking and alcohol abuse among high school and college age youths.
- (b) For charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (c) To solicit, collect and otherwise raise money for charitable, philanthropic, eleemosynary, benevolent, patriotic, health and welfare purposes; to expend, contribute and

disburse, allocate and otherwise handle and dispose of the same for such purposes to such agencies, organizations or institutions, organized for the same or similar purposes, as are willing and will agree to associate with this corporation; to assist in harmonizing and making more efficient the work of charitable, philanthropic and benevolent organizations by cooperating with and assisting such organizations; and to do any and all other things necessary or proper in connection with or incidental to any of the foregoing.

- (d) To acquire property for the corporate purposes by grant, gift, purchase, devise or bequest, and to hold and to dispose of the same, subject to such limitations as are prescribed by statute.
- (e) To carry on all or any of its activities and purchase or acquire, hold and dispose of such property, real, personal and mixed, as may be requisite for the transaction of its business or the conduct of its affairs, in any of the states, districts, territories or colonies of the United States, and in any and all foreign countries, subject to the laws of such state, district, territory, colony or country.
- (f) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any

political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or other corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

### ARTICLE III. INITIAL INCORPORATOR

The initial incorporator shall be Bill Williams, Sr.

## ARTICLE IV.

The initial registered office and mailing address of the corporation is 3780 Bonner Road, Pensacola, Florida 32503.

#### ARTICLE V. REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent and mailing address is Bill Williams, Sr., 3780 Bonner Road, Pensacola, Florida 32503.

#### ARTICLE VI. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

### ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of eight (8) directors. The manner of election shall be as specified by the By-laws.

### ARTICLE VIII.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribing incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal this 27 day of January, 2000, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

BILL WILLIAMS, SR.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27 day of January, 2000, by BILL WILLIAMS, SR., in the capacity therein stated.

	NOTARY PUBLIC:  (Sign)  (Print)  My commission Explication  My commission in the second commissi	SANDRA L. HOGUE My Commission CC 814476 Expires March 6, 2003 Bonded by Old Republic 800-277-2663
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# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATION PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS, WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHICH PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

OS TO SALLOS In pursuant of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted compliance with said Act:

First: THE RONNIE FOUNDATION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at City of Pensacola, County of Escambia, State of Florida, has named BILL WILLIAMS, SR., located at 3780 Bonner Road, Pensacola, Florida 32503, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: (MUST BE SIGNED BY DESIGNATED AGENT)

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

BILL WILLIAMS, SR.

(Registered Agent)