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January 29, 2000

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

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Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: Gulf Coast Mental Health Counselors Association, Inc.

Enclosed please find original and one (1) copy of Articles of Incorporation for the above not-for-profit corporation together with our trust check in the amount of \$78.75 as and for filing fees. Please proceed to file the same and return a file-stamped copy to this office.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

John F. Stanley

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## GULF COAST MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION, INC. (NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION)

ARTICLE I: Name. The name of the corporation is GULF COAST MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II: Principal Office and Mailing Address. The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is  $1755-41^{\rm ST}$  Terrace S.W., Naples, Florida 34116.

ARTICLE III: Purposes. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows: to promote the profession of mental health counseling; provide a system for the exchange of professional information among mental health counselors through newsletters, journals or other scientific, educational and/or professional materials; provide professional development programs for mental health counselors to update and enhance clinical competency; promote legislation that recognizes and advances the profession of mental health counseling; provide a public forum for mental health counselors to advocate for the social and emotional welfare of clients; promote positive relations with mental health counselors and other mental health practitioners in all work settings to enhance the profession of mental health counseling; contribute to the establishment and maintenance of minimal training and educational standards for mental health counselors; promote scientific research and inquiry into mental health concerns; provide liaison on the district and state level with other professional organizations to promote the advancement of the mental health profession; provide the public with information concerning the competency and professional services of mental health counselors; and to promote equitable license standards for mental health counselors through the state legislature.

ARTICLE IV: Directors. The method of election of directors shall be stated in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V: This corporation shall be subordinate to and subject to the authority of the Florida Mental Health Counselors Association and the American Mental Health Counselors Association.

ARTICLE VI: Initial Registered Office and Agent. The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is: 1755 - 41<sup>st</sup> Terrace S.W., Naples, Florida 34116.

The name of the initial Registered Agent of this corporation at the above address is George Drobinski.

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ARTICLE VII: Incorporated. The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

John F. Stanley 2660 Airport Road South Naples, FL 34112 \_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber executed these Articles of Incorporation this day of January, 2000.

John F./Stanley

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLLIER, SS.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgements, personally appeared John F. Stanley, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that he executed said Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes expressed therein. He is personally known to me and did not take an oath.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on this 20 day of January, 2000.

My Commission Expires:

Official Secs.
REBECCA JANIERS KAY
Notary Land State of Reside
My comm. expires Mar 16, 2393 )3
Comm. No. CC 306275

Official Seal
REBECCA JANE McKAY
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. expires Mar 18, 2003
Comm. No. CCB06275

## ACCEPTANCE OF RESIDENT AGENT

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process of the above-stated corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, 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.

Dated this 19% day of January, 2000.

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