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April 28, 2000

Secretary of State Division of Corporations PO Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314-6327

Re: STEP BY STEP RECOVERY CENTER, INC.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Enclosed please find an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for STEP BY STEP RECOVERY CENTER, INC. and a check for seventy dollars (\$70) to cover filing costs.

Please return a copy of the filed articles to W. C. Keith at 1517 Commercial Park Dr., Lakeland, FL 33801. If you should have any questions regarding the same, please contact me at (863) 667-1740.

Respectfully Submitted,

√ C. Keith

Registered Agent

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### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris

Katherine Harris Secretary of State

May 9, 2000

W.C. KEITH 1517 COMMERCIAL PARK DR LAKELAND, FL 33801

SUBJECT: STEP BY STEP RECOVERY CENTER, INC.

Ref. Number: W00000012155

We have received your document for STEP BY STEP RECOVERY CENTER, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

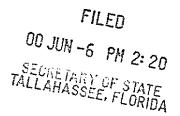
Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

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) 487-6928.

Tim Burch Document Specialist

Letter Number: 300A00025796



# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF STEP BY STEP RECOVERY CENTER, INC.

We, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation exclusively for charitable purposes, under the provisions of chapter 617 of the Florida statutes, do agree to the following:

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be STEP BY STEP RECOVERY CENTER, INC. and its place of business is 1330 E. Gary Rd., Lakeland, Florida 33801.

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications of members and the manner of their admission shall be as provided in the by-laws.

# ARTICLE IV

This corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing as of the date of execution of these articles of incorporation.

# ARTICLE V REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation and the street address of the initial registered office are as follows:

W. C. KEITH 1517 COMMERCIAL PARK DR. LAKELAND, FL 33801

### ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS

This corporation shall not carry on propaganda, or otherwise act to influence legislation or participate in political campaigns as a substantial part of its activities. No part of the income of the corporation shall be paid or inure to the benefit of any person within the corporation.

# ARTICLE VII INTIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than one (1). The name and address of the initial director(s) of this corporation are as follows:

PRES. LEAH BROWN
330 CALLITRIS AVE.
POLK CITY, FL 33868

V. P. DAVID LANGOHR 1470 LAKE BONNY DR. LAKELAND, FL 33813

SEC. PAULINE BROWN ROMULUS CHURCH RD. BUHL, AL 36081

> ARTICLE VIII NON-PROFIT

The corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may confer benefits upon its members in conformity with its purposes.

# ARTICLE IX TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under IRC section 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future internal revenue law.)

# ARTICLE X DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed to one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC section 501(c)(3) or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code or be distributed to the federal government, or to a state of local government for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas 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.

### ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these articles of incorporation is:

LEAH BROWN 330 CALITRIS AVE. POLK CITY, FL 33868

# ARTICLE XII INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, to the full extent permitted by Chapter 607.0850 of the Florida Statutes, or any successor thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes these Articles of Incorporation this 28th day of april INCORPORA STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were sworn to and acknowledged before me this 28 th day of Apr. 1 , 2000, by , who is personally known to me or who know as identification and who did (did not) take an oath. NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA My Commission Expires: REBECCA S. CLINE MY COMMISSION # OD 673762 EXPIRES: August 20, 2001 Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

ACCEPTANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my

duties and am familiar with and accept/the

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I hereby accept of act as Registered Agent, and agree to comply with the ...

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