### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: North Naples Firefighters Benevolent Fund 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: William Bates
Name (Printed or typed)

8970 Hammock Oak Drive
Address

Naples, FL 34108

City, State & Zip

941-290-1360 Daytime Telephone number

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

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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# NORTH NAPLES FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT FUND INC.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida do hereby adopt the following articles of incorporation for such corporation and do certify that:

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is NORTH NAPLES FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT FUND INC.

#### ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the city of Naples, Florida, Collier County. The address of the corporation's principal office is 8970 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation will be William Bates.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable 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 tax code.

#### ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION

The initial trustees shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualify as provided in the bylaws. Thereafter, the term of office of each director shall be one (1) year and until the election set forth herein and constituting the initial board of directors shall be the authorized number of directors until such manner is changed by a bylaw duly adopted by the members.

#### **ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

William Ward 8970 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108

Tim Higgins 8970 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108

William Bates 8970 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108

#### **ARTICLE VI - BYLAWS**

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 Article Third thereof. 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, 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 VII - DISSOLUTION

Upon 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.

#### ARTICLE VIII - REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of the corporation shall be 8970 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108 and the name of the initial registered agent shall be William Bates.

# ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

William Bates

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated
corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the
and all the second areas and agree to act in this capacity

8970 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108

Signature/Registered Agent

Date

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Signature/Incorporator

Date