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DEC 13, October 18, 2000

Secretary of State Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: NEW START FOUNDATION, INC.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find duplicate original Articles of Incorporation for the above referenced entity. Please file one original and return the certified duplicate to me at the above address.

Also, I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the cost of filing and certification.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Thomas C. Little

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NEW START FOUNDATION, INC. A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION



### Article One. Name

The name of this corporation is NEW START FOUNDATION, INC.

## Article Two. Statement of Corporate Nature

This is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Part I of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

## Article Three. General and Specific Purposes

- (a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate for educational, and for other charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for such purposes, and particularly for the purpose of educational training.
- (b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusive for such religious and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.
- (c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### Article Four. Term

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

## Article Five. Membership

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the board of trustees. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the difference classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

## Article Six. Subscribers

The names and residence address of the subscribers of this corporation are as follows:

Robert Vandesteeg 4201 N. Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32804-2712

## Article Seven. Location of Principal Office and Identification of Registered Agent

- (a) The county in the State of Florida where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located is the County of Pinellas.
- (b) The name and address of this corporation's registered agent is Thomas C. Little, Esquire, 2123 N.E. Coachman Road, Suite A, Clearwater, FL 33765.

## Article Eight. Management of Corporate Affairs

(a) <u>Board of Trustees</u>. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of trustees. The

number of trustees of the corporation shall be one (1), provided, however, that such number may be changed by a bylaw duly adopted by the members.

The trustees named herein as the first Board of Trustees shall hold office until the next election of trustees held by the members.

Trustees elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve until removed at a meeting of members called for that purpose. The Trustees shall meet as described in the Bylaws.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees under the provisions of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the trustees. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to unanimous written consent of the board of trustees without a meeting, and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this corporation authorize the trustees to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such first members of the Board of Trustees are

as follows:

Robert Vandesteeg

4291 N. Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32804-2712

(b) Corporate Officers. The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers: President, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as the Bylaws of this corporation may authorize the trustee to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Until

such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

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President Robert Vandesteeg

Secretary Robert Vandesteeg

Treasurer Robert Vandesteeg

## Article Nine. Bylaws

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporation's Not For Profit law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Trustees, or by following the procedures set forth therefore in the Bylaws.

#### Article Ten. Dedication of Assets

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

## Article Eleven. Distribution of Assets

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

### Article Twelve. Amendment of Articles

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed by a resolution by the Board of Trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of a majority of a quorum of members of the corporation.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, and including all the persons herein named as the subscribers of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit charitable corporation under the laws of Florida have executed 

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $18^{th}$ OTOBER 2000, by ROBERT VANDESTEEG, as President of NEW START FOUNDATION, INC., a Florida nonprofit corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He is personally known to me and did take an oath.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

Janet M. Sullivan COMMISSION # CC707910 EXPIRES

My Commission Expires:

## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATION PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuance to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

First - That NEW START FOUNDATION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office at 4201 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32804-2712, has named THOMAS C. LITTLE, located at 2123 N.E. Coachman Road, Suite A, Clearwater, FL 33765, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

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

Registered Agent

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