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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF FLORIDA, INC.

(A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation)

## Article I. NAME

The name of this corporation shall be National Institute for People with Disabilities, Inc., (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

## Article II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND/OR MAILING ADDRESS

The address of the principal office and/or the mailing address of the Corporation is c/o Harry J. Friedman, Greenberg Traurig, P.A., 1221 Brickell Avenue, Miami, Florida 33131.

## Article III. PURPOSE

This Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation, organized for the purpose of engaging in any lawful act or activity not for pecuniary profit for which not-for-profit corporations may be organized, so far as is or may be permitted by the laws of the State of Florida and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code), including without limitation, (a) to empower and assist individuals who are disadvantaged, suffering from financial and economic insecurity or who have disabilities (i) to obtain training and employment, overcome under-employment and gain access to new employment opportunities, and (ii) to alleviate problems with employment discrimination and obtaining health care, (b) to establish and maintain outpatient programs and community residences for the mentally retarded and the developmentally disabled and (c) to provide employment training programs, supportive employment, case management, family support, and inpatient, outpatient, and other community programs for people with mental health and development disabilities.

## Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors may establish membership in the Corporation and the rights and powers of the members at its discretion.

# Article V. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 1200 S. Pine Island Road, Plantation, Florida 33324; and the name of the Corporation's initial registered agent at that address is CT Corporation System.

## Article VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of no less than three (3) directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three. The manner of election of directors shall be regulated by the Bylaws. The initial directors are:

Edith Cohen

Herbert DeVos

Gloria Fantel

Dr. Paul Levitz

Benno Lindenberg

Iris Gordon

## Article VII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

Harry J. Friedman 1221 Brickell Avenue Miami, Florida 33131

### Article VIII. DISSOLUTION

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 not-for-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

## Article IX. LIMITATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, members 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 any of its purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided in subsection (h) of

Section 501 of the Code), and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 2 day of <u>Februar</u>, 2001.

Harry J. Friedman Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named the Registered Agent of National Institute for People with Disabilities of Florida, Inc. hereby accepts such designation and is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of such position, as provided in Florida Statutes §617.0501.

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By Its Agent Conve

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Dated: February 5<sup>+h</sup>, 2001

