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Re: A Penny for Progress Committee, Inc.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1. Original Articles of Incorporation and Acceptance by Registered Agent for filing and one copy.
- 2. Our check in the amount of \$78.75 for filing fees and a certified copy.

Please return the certified copy to our office after filing. If there is a problem with the above, please contact me at the office (1-800-365-4396).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen F. Sheehan

Assistant to D. Michael Chesser

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Enclosures

cc: Elaine Tucker

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

A PENNY FOR PROGRESS COMMITTEE, INC. a Not-For-Profit Corporation



The undersigned subscribers, acting as incorporators of a corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the formation of a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is A PENNY FOR PROGRESS COMMITTEE, INC., and the principal address of the corporation is c/o D. Michel Chesser, 1201 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the corporation, a not-for-profit organization, shall be to serve as a resource to the public for information regarding the proposed 1% sales tax which is to be submitted for referendum to the voters of Okaloosa County on **October 16, 2001.** The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. The Corporation is incorporated for and qualified under the purposes set forth in §501(c)(3), United States Code. The Corporation shall have the power to do all lawful acts necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes consistent with the provisions of Florida Statutes. Upon dissolution the assets of the Corporation will be paid to the general fund budget of Okaloosa County, Florida.

ARTICLE III

The members of the Corporation will be persons who support the purposes of the Corporation and who indicate a willingness to serve.

ARTICLE IV

The address, including street and number of its initial registered office 1201 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579 and the name of its initial registered agent is D. Michael Chesser.

ARTICLE V

The Corporation shall have at least THREE (3) and no more than TWENTY-FIVE (25) Directors. The names and addresses, including street and number of the persons who are to serve as the Directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors shall be elected and qualified are:

- Jimmy Campbell, Co-President
 4 Eleventh Avenue, Suite 2
 Shalimar, Florida 32579
- Guy D. Clark, Co-President
 P.O. Box 1424
 Destin, Florida 32540
- Dale E. Peterson, Secretary
 321 Highway 98 East
 Destin, Florida 32541
- Allen Stearns, Treasurer
 Walter Martin Road
 Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

To include up to TWO (2) citizen volunteers from each municipality -- Cinco Bayou, Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Laurel Hill, Mary Esther, Niceville, Shalimar, and Valparaiso.

Future Directors of the Association are to be chosen and may be removed by vote of the members from time to time, without cause.

ARTICLE VI

This Corporation shall be automatically dissolved without necessity of further documentation or action on November 1, 2001.

ARTICLE VII

Each member may be issued a membership certificate if the Board of Directors elects to do so.

ARTICLE VIII

The provisions contained in the Roberts Rules of Order, and if promulgated by the Board of Directors, in the By-Laws, shall govern the Association's internal affairs.

ARTICLE VIII

The name and address, including street and number of the incorporator is:

D. Michael Chesser, Esq. Chesser, Wingard, Barr & Fleet, P.A. 1201 Eglin Parkway Shalimar, FL 32579

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporators have affixed their authorized signatures and seal this & day of July, 2001.

D. Michael Chesser

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKALOOSA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>office</u> day of July, 2001, by **D.**Michael Chesser, who is personally known to me or produced a Florida driver's license as identification, and who did not take an oath.

KAREN F. SHEEHAN
MY COMMISSION # CC 939503
EXPIRES: May 23, 2004
Bonded Thrû Notery Public Underwriters

NOTARY PUBLIC

A PENNY FOR PROGRESS COMMITTEE, INC.

Not-For-Profit Corporation

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT



I, D. Michael Chesser, have been named to accept service of process and hereby act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said act relative to keeping open said office.

D. Michael Chesser Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKALOOSA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6 day of July, 2001, by **D. Michael Chesser**, who is personally known to me and who did/did not take an oath.

KAREN F. SHEEHAN
MY COMMISSION # CC 939503
EXPIRES: May 23, 2004
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OTARY PUBLIC

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