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## MEMO

DATE:

October 1, 2001

TO:

Division of Corporations

P.O. Box 6327

Tallahassee FL 32314

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FROM:

EUGENE L. BEIL, ESQ./ Tammy

RE:

Incorporation of LIGHTING THE WAY FOR C.J., INC.

MESSAGE:

Enclosed please find the original Articles of Incorporation for LIGHTING THE WAY FOR C.J., INC., together with our firm's check # ( ) in the amount of seventy eight dollars and seventy five cents (\$78.75) to cover the filing fee for the corporation. If you have any questions please call our office. Thank you.

LAW OFFICES OF BEIL & HAY, P.A.

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

October 5, 2001

BEIL & HAY, P.A. 12312 US HWY 19 HUDSON, FL 34667

SUBJECT: LIGHTING THE WAY FOR C.J., INC.

Ref. Number: W01000023134

We have received your document for LIGHTING THE WAY FOR C.J., INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. 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.

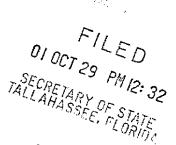
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF



# LIGHTING THE WAY FOR C.J., INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator for the purposes of forming a not for profit corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

## ARTICLE ONE

#### Name

The name of the corporation shall be LIGHTING THE WAY FOR C.J., INC.

#### **ARTICLE TWO**

# Principal office and mailing address

The current address of the registered office of the corporation is 12312 U.S. Hwy. 19 North, Hudson, FL 34667. The current mailing address of the corporation is 10002 Frierson Lake Drive, Hudson, FL 34669.

#### ARTICLE THREE

#### Purpose

The purpose of this not for profit corporation is to raise money for medical expenses of C.J. Stefa. The corporation may pay all or part of the expenses and any related cost and expenses, or other fees associated with or incident to the medical needs of C.J. Stefa. The corporation shall raise money through gifts, fund raisers and donations, as well as other means, to furnish all necessary funding.

The corporation irrevocably is dedicated to and operated exclusively for nonprofit purposes. No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit os, any individual, except as expressly set forth herein.

In addition to the above stated specific purpose for which the corporation is founded, it is understood and contemplated that the corporation shall have the additional purposes as follows:

A. To receive and administer funds and to operate exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or comparable provisions of subsequent legislation (the "Code").

- B. To acquire, own, purchase, lease, dispose of and deal with real and personal property and interest, either absolutely or in trust therein and to apply gifts, grants, bequests, and devises and the proceeds thereof in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation.
- C. To do such things and to perform such acts to accomplish its purposes as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate and as are not forbidden by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, with all the power conferred on a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE FOUR

#### Term

Corporate existence shall commence upon filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State and the term of the corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

#### **Powers**

The corporation shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida that are not in conflict with these Articles; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future revisions and amendments to the Code.

## ARTICLE SIX

#### Limitations

The corporation shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes as a not for profit corporation. No individual Director or Member of the corporation shall have any title to or interest in the corporate property or earnings in his or her individual or private capacity and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any Director or Member. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the corporation participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

#### Directors

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of and the affairs of the

corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors.

The number of Directors shall be determined from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3).

Directors shall be elected or removed in accordance with the procedure to be provided in the Bylaws.

The names and addresses of the initial Directors, to hold office until the first annual meeting of Members until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, are as follows:

## DEBRA MEHRER-STEFA

10002 Frierson Lake Drive Hudson, FL 34669

## CHARLES STEFA

10002 Frierson Lake Drive Hudson, FL 34669

#### **CAROL YARBROUGH**

1315 Wildwood Lake Blvd., Apt. #4 Naples, FL 34104

## **ARTICLE EIGHT**

# Registered Agent and Office

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

# EUGENE L. BEIL, ESQ.

c/o BEIL & HAY, P.A. 12312 U.S. Hwy. 19, North Hudson, FL 34667

## **ARTICLE NINE**

#### Incorporator

The name and address of the person signing these Article of Incorporation are as follows:

#### DEBRA MEHRER-STEFA

10002 Frierson Lake Drive Hudson, FL 34669

#### ARTICLE TEN

**Bylaws** 

The Bylaws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE ELEVEN

#### Amendment

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members and Directors are subject to this reservation. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, as amended from time to time, unless more specific provisions for amendments are adopted by the corporation pursuant to law.

#### ARTICLE TWELVE

## Indemnification and Civil Liability

The corporation shall indemnify each Director and Member, including former Directors and Members, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the Members and Directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

#### ARTICLE THIRTEEN

#### Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt from federal income tax as organizations described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, as amended, or such comparable future revisions or amendments to the Code, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusively public purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this A day of October, 2001.

DEBRA MEHRER-STEFA

Incorporator

# ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept appointment as the initial registered agent of Lighting the Way for C.J., Inc., as designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

EUGENE L. BEIL, ESQ.

Registered Agent

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PASCO

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and acknowledged before me, the undersigned authority, this Add of October, 2001, by DEBRA MEHRER-STEFA, as Incorporator, who produced the following as identification: <u>FLDL M662-172-66-830-0</u> and EUGENE L. BEIL, ESO., as Initial Registered Agent, who is personally known to me.

Notary Public

Tammy L. Dietrich
My Commission DD080798
Expires September 27, 2005

