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**AMENDMENTS**

- ☐ Amendment  
☐ Resignation of R.A., Officer/Director  
☐ Change of Registered Agent  
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- ☐ Foreign  
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**First Coast - Brain Injury Support Group, Inc.**

**ARTICLE I**

NAME

The name of the Corporation is First Coast - Brain Injury Support Group, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing on the date of this filing of these Articles with the Department of State.

**ARTICLE III**

PURPOSE

a. This corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized

under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes of this corporation are:

(1) To offer each individual a safe and positive environment in which to develop his or her fullest potential through and sharing.

(2) To be a committed group with common concerns, sharing similar experiences.

(3) To offer encouragement, help, comfort and provide opportunity for growth through social activities, individual groups and continuing education.

(4) To protect individual dignity and to promote self-worth, maximizing ability and building strengths to increase quality of life.

(5) To recognize the importance of family, friends and professionals and to encourage their involvement and participation.

(6) To uphold the motto "Peace by Piece - finding Peace by putting the Pieces together".

b. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.

c. Provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, or officers; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.

## ARTICLE IV

### QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

The qualifications of members of this corporation and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws of said corporation.

## ARTICLE V

### INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 8985 Normandy Boulevard #103 Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Jane Mercer-Elkins.

## ARTICLE VI

### INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209 Director constituting the initial Board of Directors. The Bylaws shall provide the method of election of all Directors, and the number of Directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws but shall in no case be less than three (3). The name and address of the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is:

Jane Mercer-Elkins  
8985 Normandy Boulevard #103  
Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209

Helen LaBranch  
8985 Normandy Boulevard #103  
Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209

Tony Denton  
8985 Normandy Boulevard #103  
Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209

Paul Duran  
8985 Normandy Boulevard #103  
Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the Incorporator signing these articles is:

Jane Mercer-Elkins  
8985 Normandy Boulevard #103  
Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **NONSTOCK BASIS**

The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided in the bylaws.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by the Florida Corporation Act, as the same may be amended and supplemented, indemnify any and all persons whom it shall have power to indemnify under the said provisions from and against any and all the expenses, liabilities, or other matters referred to in or covered by said provisions, and the indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be

entitled under any Bylaw, or disinterested directors, or otherwise,  
both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action  
while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has  
ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure  
to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a  
person.

## ARTICLE X

### CORPORATE ADDRESS

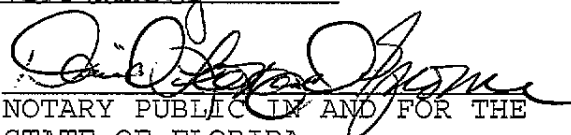
The street address of the Corporation's initial principal office  
is 8985 Normandy Boulevard #103 Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209.

  
Jane Mercer-Elkins  
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF DUVAL

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in  
the State and County set forth above personally appeared Jane Mercer-  
Elkins, known to be and known by me to be the person who executed the  
foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged before me  
that she executed those Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal in the State and  
County above, this 25 day of February of 2002.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA  
DAVID LEONARD SPROUSE  
COMMISSION # CC784391  
EXPIRES 8/11/2002  
BONDED THRU ASA 1-888-NOTARY1


CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND  
PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF  
PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, AND ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with Sections 48.091 and 607.034, Florida Statutes,  
the following is submitted:

FIRST, that First Coast - Brain Injury Support Group, Inc.  
desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of  
Florida, with its principle place of business at 8985 Normandy  
Boulevard #103 Jacksonville, Florida 32221-6209 has named Jane Mercer-  
Elkins as its agent to accept service or process within Florida.  
Dated this 25 day of February of 2002.

  
Jane Mercer-Elkins  
Director

SECOND, that having been named to accept service of process  
for the above named corporation, at the place designated in this  
certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further  
agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the  
proper performance of my duties.

  
Jane Mercer-Elkins  
Registered Agent

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