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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

March 7, 2002

Registration Section
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines Street
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Articles of Organization
Victim Services Coalition, Inc.
A Florida Corporation Not for Profit

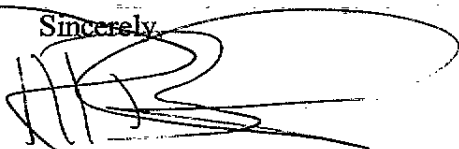
Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the Articles of Organization, Statement of Registered Agent, and check in the amount of \$78.75 (\$35 filing fee, \$35 registered agent designation, and \$8.75 for a requested certified copy).

Please note that the requested effective date is the date of filing.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Randall B. McGruther
For Victim Services Coalition, Inc.
A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
VICTIM SERVICES COALITION, INC.
A Corporation Not For Profit**

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We, the undersigned natural persons, acting as incorporators of VICTIM SERVICES COALITION, INC., a not for profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for said corporation:

**ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME**

The name of this corporation is (hereinafter referred to as Corporation) is Victim Services Coalition, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
TERMS OF EXISTENCE**

The existence of the corporation shall begin on the date of the filing of these articles with the Department of State.

**ARTICLE III
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation is Victim Services Coalition - Twentieth Judicial Circuit C/O Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

**ARTICLE IV
PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the successor section of any future Federal tax code). No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers 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 Section 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene on behalf of or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

More particularly, the purpose of the Corporation shall be to enhance the community's response to victims of crime through education, and coordination between the various victims' services

agencies and the public.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding successor section), or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding successor section).

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have a membership distinct from its Board of Directors. The authorized number and qualifications of the members, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues, if any, and the method of collecting dues shall be as set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Board of Directors, consisting of seven (7) members initially, shall manage the affairs of the Corporation. The number of members constituting the Board of Directors may, from time to time, be increased or decreased by vote of the members, as may be provided in the bylaws, but never shall be fewer than three (3).

TERMS OF OFFICE: Directors will generally serve a one year term, and shall be elected at the annual meeting of the membership. However, directors will serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Directors may be re-elected to additional terms, without limit. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, whether occasioned by resignation or removal of a Director or the creation of a new Directorship, the person elected by the remaining Board of Directors will fill the vacancy. Said term shall be until the next election of Directors.

ELECTION BY MEMBERS: Members of the Board of Directors will be elected by the membership, except as provided herein. Every director elected shall be a member of the corporation, or, in the event of an entity member, an officer, general partner, or trustee of said entity. All elections shall be by plurality of votes. The Board of Directors shall elect a Chairman.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE INITIAL DIRECTORS:

Bill Enslen
Hope Hospice
9470 Health Park Circle
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Julie I. Dettrey
12430 McGregor Woods Circle
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Betty Sarkis
1114 N.E. Van Loon Lane
Cape Coral, FL 33909

Mardene Zepp
2448 Flora Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Anne Edwards
3626 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Judi Durant
Lee Island Coast
Visitor and Convention Bureau
16000 Chamberlin Parkway, Suite 8640
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Barbara Crosby
6321 Greenbriar Road
Fort Myers, FL 33905

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board individually or collectively consent in writing to the action. The written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board and any action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action taken in this manner shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation authorize the directors to act in this manner. This statement shall be prima facie evidence of the directors' authority.

ARTICLE VII REGISTERED AGENT

The initial street address of the corporation's registered agent is 3013 Del Prado Boulevard, Suite 2, Cape Coral, Florida 33904. The initial registered agent for the corporation at that address is Randall B. McGruther.

ARTICLE VIII

BASIS UNDER WHICH CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED

The Corporation is a not for profit corporation as defined by the Not for Profit Corporation Act in Section 617.01401, Florida Statutes. As such, it is not organized for the pecuniary gain or profit of, and its net earnings nor any part thereof is distributable to its members, directors, officers of other private persons except as specifically permitted under the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE IX BYLAWS

Bylaws will be adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Bylaws may be amended, repealed, either in whole or in part, by the Directors in the manner provided in the bylaws. Any amendments to the bylaws shall be binding on all members of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of the voting members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by a vote of at least a majority of a quorum of the voting members of the corporation.

ARTICLE XI DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding successor section) or shall be distributed to the Federal government or a State or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XII INCORPORATORS

The names and street addresses of the incorporators of these articles of incorporation are:

Bill Enslen
Hope Hospice
9470 Health Park Circle
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Julie I. Dettrey
12430 McGregor Woods Circle
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Betty Sarkis
1114 N.E. Van Loon Lane
Cape Coral, FL 33909

The undersigned have executed these articles of incorporation on
this the 20th day of September, 2001. *February 2002*

Bill Enslen
Bill Enslen

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in
the state and county so named to take
acknowledgements, personally appeared Bill
Enslen, to me known to be the person
described as incorporator in and who executed
the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and
he acknowledged before me that he executed
and subscribed to these Articles of
Incorporation.

Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of
September, 2001. *February 2002*

Mary B. Myers
Notary Public



Mary B. Myers
MY COMMISSION # CC821401 EXPIRES
April 6, 2003
BONDED THRU TROY FARM INSURANCE, INC.

Julie I. Dettrey
Julie I. Dettrey

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county so named to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Julie Dettrey, to me known to be the person described as incorporator in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

Witness my hand and seal this ^{20th} day of ~~September, 2001~~ February, 2002


Notary Public



Mary B. Myers
MY COMMISSION # CC821401 EXPIRES
April 6, 2003
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.


Betty Sarkis

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county so named to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Betty Sarkis, to me known to be the person described as incorporator in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

Witness my hand and seal this ^{20th} day of ~~September, 2001~~ February, 2002


Notary Public




Mary B. Myers
MY COMMISSION # CC821401 EXPIRES
April 6, 2003
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

STATEMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned accepts the appointment as registered agent for VICTIM SERVICES COALITION, INC., as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, and agrees to act in this capacity. I further certify that I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the power and complete performance of my duties as registered agent as set forth in Chapter 608, Florida Statutes.

Executed this 7 day of March, 2002, at Cape Coral, Lee County, Florida.



Randall B. McGruther
Randall B. McGruther, P.A.
Attorney at Law
3013 Del Prado Boulevard
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
Registered Agent for:
VICTIM SERVICES COALITION, INC.

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