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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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## TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING ALUMNI ASSOCATION, INC. A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, being a natural person, hereby acts as an incorporator in adopting and filing the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of organizing a not-for-profit business corporation.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation ("Corporation") is TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING ALUMINI ASSOCIATION, INC. Its office shall be located in Hillsborough County, Florida. The mailing address for the office shall be: 18604 Avenue Monaco, Lutz, Florida 33548.

#### ARTICLE II

The existence of the Corporation shall begin on April 1, 2002, and shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE III

- 1. The specific purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively charitable and educational, within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section or any future Federal Code, and Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The Corporation shall utilize former players from the Tampa Bay Lightning organization for fundraising activities, the proceeds of which in turn shall support a college scholarship program and shall provide grants to other charitable organizations.
- 2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be for the purpose of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. None of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of participating in, or intervening in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 3. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or any individual. The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and upon liquidation, dissolution or abandonment of the owner, after providing for the debts and obligations thereof, the remaining assets will not inure to the benefit of any private person but will be distributed to a nonprofit find, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes which has established its tax-exempt status under Sections 501 (c)(3) and 509 (a)(1), (2), or (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

#### ARTICLE V

The initial board of directors shall consist of three (3) members. This number may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Corporation's bylaws, but shall never be less than three. At each regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors, each vacancy in the membership of the Board of Directors resulting from the expiration of the term of office of any Director shall be filled by the election of a new Director by the members of the Board of Directors whose terms do not expire at the time of such regular annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI

The initial street address of the Corporation's registered office is: Karl M. Schmitz, III, P.A., 12000 N. Dale Mabry, Suite 110, Tampa, Florida, 33618. The initial registered agent for the Corporation at that address is Karl M. Schmitz, III, Esq.

#### ARTICLE VII

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

Name

Address

John Tucker

18604 Avenue Monaco Lutz, Florida 33548

#### ARTICLE VIII

The Corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and agents to the fullest extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation on March 26, 2002.

Name: John Tucker Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC., at the place designated in the articles of incorporation, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to Chapters 607 and 617, F.S.

Name: Karl M. Schmitz, III, Esq.

Date: March 26, 2002

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