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## FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

HIGHLANDS K9 SEARCH & RESCUE, INC.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
HIGHLANDS K9 SEARCH & RESCUE, INC.  
(a Florida Not For Profit Corporation)**

The undersigned person, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation not-for-profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (2000):

**SECTION ONE  
NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name of the corporation is **HIGHLANDS K9 SEARCH & RESCUE, INC.**; the corporate address is 2005 Hicks Road, Lorida, Florida 33857.

**SECTION TWO  
SPECIFIC AND GENERAL PURPOSES  
CORPORATE POWERS**

The corporation is a not for profit corporation.

(1) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to provide search and rescue assistance to law enforcement personnel for lost and missing people, both alive and dead, for forensic/evidence gathering purposes.

(2) The general purpose for which this corporation is formed is to operate for such charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt under that Code, and to perform all other acts allowed by law.

(3) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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(4) The Corporation shall possess all powers granted corporations not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida and shall be subject to all restrictions imposed upon such corporations and in addition thereto the following restrictions shall pertain:

(a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, 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 expenditures in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 2 hereof.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or by a corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

**SECTION THREE  
DURATION**

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

**SECTION FOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Board of Directors. Membership shall be open to all persons who are interested in furthering the charitable purposes of this corporation as set forth in Section Two. Membership status shall be determined by the Board of Directors in the adoption of Bylaws and Amendments thereto from time to time, and may embrace the qualifications for active, honorary, sustaining and lifetime membership, and establish membership fees therefor.

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**SECTION FIVE  
REGISTERED OFFICE; REGISTERED AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 2005 Hicks Road, Lorida, Florida 33857. The name of the registered agent at such address is Monica Griffith.

**SECTION SIX  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The initial number of directors of the corporation shall be four; provided, however, that such number may be increased, but not decreased to less than three, by a Bylaw duly adopted pursuant to the Bylaws of this corporation.

The directors named in this certificate of incorporation as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first annual meeting of members, to be held on April 8, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at 2005 Hicks Road, Lorida, Florida 33857, at which time an election of directors shall be held.

Annual meetings shall be held at 2005 Hicks Road, Lorida, Florida 33857 on the second Tuesday in April of each year, beginning in 2003, at the principal office of the corporation, or such other place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

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 shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall describe the action taken, contain the signature of each director or directors, be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation authorize the Board of Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

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The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Monica Griffith	2005 Hicks Road Lorida, Florida 33857
Barbara Clark	2005 Hicks Road Lorida, Florida 33857
Deputy Kyle Albritton	Highlands County Sheriff's Office 434 Fernleaf Avenue Sebring, Florida 33870
Officer Tom Gilliard	Sebring Police Department 307 N. Ridgewood Drive Sebring, Florida 33870

**SECTION SEVEN  
INCORPORATOR**

The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President/Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President and such other officers as the Bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Office</u>
Monica Griffith	2005 Hicks Road Lorida, Florida 33857	President/Secretary/Treasurer
Barbara Clark	2005 Hicks Road Lorida, Florida 33857	Vice President

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**SECTION EIGHT  
ADOPTION AND MODIFICATION OF BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be as adopted by the first Board of Directors. Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws and any limitations set forth in the laws of the State of Florida, the Bylaws of this corporation may be altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by resolution of the Board of Directors or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

**SECTION NINE  
DEDICATION OF PROPERTY**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any Director, officer, or member of this corporation, or to the benefit of any private individual.

**SECTION TEN  
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

The Board of Directors may from time to time on behalf of the corporation accept gifts of money or securities upon such terms as they shall approve, and may hold such cash or securities in the name of the corporation or of such nominee or nominees as the Board of Directors may appoint, and may collect and receive the income of such gifts and devote the principal or income of such gifts to such benevolent or charitable purposes within the scope of the activities of the corporation as the Board of Directors may determine.

**SECTION ELEVEN  
DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

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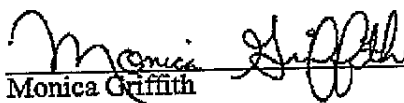
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Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**SECTION TWELVE  
AMENDMENT**


Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall be subject to ratification and approval by two-thirds of the membership voting at any regular or special meeting in which a quorum is present, provided that written notice of such meeting containing the text of proposed amendments be furnished each member not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

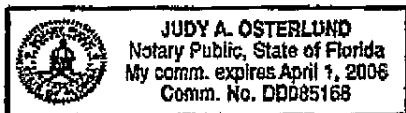
I, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

  
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Monica Griffith

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

THE FOREGOING Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002 by Monica Griffith, who is personally known to me or presented her Florida Driver's License as identification.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large



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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED to accept service of process for the above stated nonprofit corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provision of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

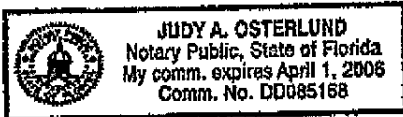
DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

Monica Griffith  
Monica Griffith

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

THE FOREGOING Acceptance of Registered Agent was acknowledged before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002, by Monica Griffith, who is personally known to me or who has produced her Florida Driver's License as identification.

Judy A. Osterlund  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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