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## FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

## EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL FUND, INC.

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TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION****OF****EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL FUND, INC.**

We the undersigned, do hereby subscribe our names to these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of creating a Corporation, not for profit in nature and purpose, in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as now in force or hereafter amended.

**ARTICLE I****NAME, ADDRESS AND INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The name of this Corporation shall be **EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL FUND, INC.** The address of the Corporation's principal place of business is 5200 26<sup>th</sup> St. West, Bradenton, Florida 34207 and its mailing address is 5200 26<sup>th</sup> St. West, Bradenton, Florida 34207. The street address of the initial registered agent is 802 11<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, Florida 34205, and the name of the initial registered agent is **Blalock, Landers, Walters & Vogler, P.A.**

**ARTICLE II****OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

The general objectives and purposes of this Corporation shall be:

1. To establish and operate a nonprofit organization organized and operated exclusively for educational, charitable, literary and religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).

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2. To establish and publish rules and regulations governing:
  - A. The qualification of its members.
  - B. The admission and expulsion of its members.
  - C. The amount of membership and other fees, if any.
  - D. To establish and adopt the publication of By-laws.
  - E. The adoption of the corporate seal.
3. To enter into contractual agreements, including but not limited to the lease, purchase and sale of any and all kinds of real and personal property which may be necessary or appropriated for any of the foregoing objectives and purposes and enter into agreements with persons or agents for the provision of professional services relating to the foregoing objectives and purposes.
4. To borrow money and mortgage, pledge, encumber, or otherwise hypothecate assets of the Corporation as security therefor.
5. To employ the foregoing general purposes and objectives as guidelines, which are not to be construed as limitations. Said purposes may from time to time be changed through lawful procedures as directed by a vote of the Corporation's members in accordance with its published or adopted Bylaws. This Corporation shall also have all other common law and statutory powers as are provided by the laws of the State of Florida under which this Corporation as a Corporation is organized.
6. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

### ARTICLE III

#### QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The members of the Corporation shall consist of the initial Board of Directors named herein so long as such individuals remain as members of the Board of Directors, and of such other persons as shall from time to time be elected to the Board (so long as such individuals serve as a member of the Board) and others admitted to membership at any meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation by a majority vote of all the members present and entitled to vote, subject to the

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limitations and qualifications for such election as set forth in the By-laws. Removal of members shall be provided for in the By-laws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### TERM OF EXISTENCE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0123, Florida Statutes, this Corporation shall begin existence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of Florida. This Corporation shall have perpetual existence or as determined earlier by the laws of the State of Florida, or by the vote of its membership as provided in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

##### NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

CHARLES F. JOHNSON  
802 11<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Bradenton, Florida 34205

#### ARTICLE VI

##### DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Officers and Board of Directors. The Officers of this Corporation shall be as follows: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers with such other duties and tenures as set forth and provided by the By-laws of the Corporation.

The Directors of this Corporation shall hereinafter be referred to as "Trustees", and the Board of Directors shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Board of Trustees". The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the following: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other persons as may be provided for in the By-laws of the Corporation. The Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) Trustees who shall be elected, qualified as to their membership and hold office in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of this Corporation. The Board of Trustees shall elect its Chairman.

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## ARTICLE VII

### NAMES OF INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

A. Trustees:

Thomas F. Hennessy  
David R. Quaderer  
Kenneth A. Price, Jr.

B. Officers:

President:	David R. Quaderer
Vice President:	Thomas F. Hennessy
Treasurer:	Thomas F. Hennessy
Secretary:	David R. Quaderer

## ARTICLE VIII

### AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

- A. The Articles of Incorporation may be altered, amended or repealed in whole or in part by the majority vote of all members of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation at any duly-called and noticed regular or special meeting. Any Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation, upon the approval by the Secretary of State of Florida and upon filing in the office the said Secretary of State of Florida and upon filing in the office of the said Secretary of State and paying all required filing fees, shall become and be taken as part of these Articles of Incorporation.
- B. Notwithstanding the foregoing Section A, the membership, officers or Trustees of the Corporation shall not cause any amendment or alteration of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws to be made which would alter the intention or purposes expressed in Article II or which would conflict with the provisions of Articles IX and X of these Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE IX

### RESTRICTIONS

Notwithstanding any other Article of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation:

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- A. Shall distribute its income, if any, for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).
- B. Will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).
- C. Will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).
- D. Will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).
- E. Will not make any expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

The Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation. No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, Trustees, 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 in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

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

Under the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provisions for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, i.e. charitable, educational, religious or scientific, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

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TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA**ARTICLE X****DISSOLUTION**

In the event the Corporation is dissolved by either voluntary or involuntary means, all assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, i.e. charitable, educational, religious or scientific (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code), or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose. The determination required hereby shall be made by the Corporation's Board of Trustees in their sole discretion, applying the guidelines set forth herein.

  
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**CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Incorporator**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all Florida Statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of its duties, and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of its position as registered agent.

**BLALOCK, LANDERS, WALTERS &  
VOGLER, P.A., Registered Agent**By: Print Name: CHARLES JOHNSONIts: VIR & Secretary