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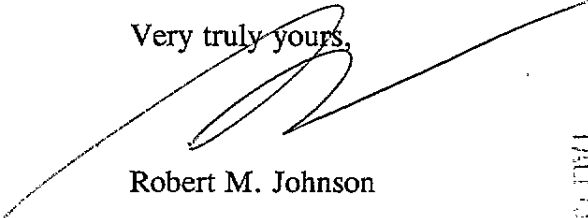
Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P O Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

To Whom It May Concern:

We are enclosing Articles of Incorporation of **Partners for Progress, Inc.** and a check for \$78.75 for filing.

Please transmit the certificate of incorporation and certified copy of the articles to the undersigned at the above address.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert M. Johnson

Encl: Check \$78.75  
Articles of Inc., in duplicate

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
**PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS, INC.**  
A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation desiring to form a not-for-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is: **PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS, INC.**; and the initial principal address of the corporation is: 600 47th Street, Sarasota, Florida 34234.

ARTICLE II

CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State for the State of Florida.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, 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 of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

1. The mission of **PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS, INC.** is to serve as a power multiplier and take positive steps to create an environment that fosters strong families, personal responsibility and provide positive, long-term solutions for Greater Newtown community problems

to help the residents become a vital community and achieve social and economic parity. The goal is to employ a comprehensive approach that would empower the residents of Greater Newtown to implement solutions with an emphasis on improving schools, reducing crime, increasing economic and higher education opportunities, ensuring environmental preservation, providing adequate infrastructure and affordable housing opportunities.

2. To assist the City of Sarasota with the effort to have Greater Newtown designated as a "Front Porch Florida" community.

3. To assist residents of Greater Newtown organize and fund a nightly Neighborhood Watch Program with the goal of eliminating street crime and helping the residents take back their neighborhood.

4. To assist in building a Family Life Center as a multi-purpose facility dedicated to promoting economic empowerment and effecting lasting, positive lifestyle changes in the Greater Newtown community.

5. To assist residents of Greater Newtown build a Family Health Care Center to provide free medical care to indigent residents.

6. To assist the Greater Newtown Community Fund to provide capital to fund the programs and operation of the faith-based and other charitable institutions serving the residents of Greater Newtown.

7. To assist in establishing a small minority-owned alliance and a black business development and investment corporation that would assist small, minority-owned businesses obtain capital assistance so that they can grow and provide jobs for low-income residents of Greater Newtown.

8. No part of the net earnings of the 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 the purposes set forth herein. 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 any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under §501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). This corporation shall utilize all donations, contributions, gifts, and bequests for the purposes which promote, advance and encourage the spirit of the purposes as set forth in Article III.

## ARTICLE IV

### POWERS

The powers of the corporation shall include and be governed by the following:

To carry on any business whatsoever which the corporation may deem proper or convenient in connection with any of the foregoing purposes or otherwise, or which may be calculated, directly or indirectly, to promote the interests of this corporation or to enhance the value of its property, to conduct its business in this State, in other States, in the District of Columbia, and to hold, purchase, mortgage and convey real and personal property, either in or out of the State of Florida, and to have and to exercise all the powers conferred by the State of Florida upon corporations not for profit formed under the Act pursuant to and under which this corporation is formed.

## ARTICLE V

### MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are that any persons including individuals, families, and corporations with an interest in the purposes of the corporation shall become a member in a manner as provided in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VI

### REGISTERED OFFICE

The address and city of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 600 47th Street, Sarasota, Florida 34234, and the registered agent at such address is: **Cynthia Porter**.

## ARTICLE VII

### DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors of no less than five (5) persons and no more than fifteen (15) persons. The number of Directors and the term of office and manner of election shall be as provided by the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VIII

The names and addresses of each incorporator are:

Cynthia Porter  
600 47th Street  
Sarasota, Florida 34234

Johnny Hunter, Sr.  
3006 Goodrich Avenue  
Sarasota, Florida 34234

Mary S. Mack  
2955 Noble Avenue  
Sarasota, Florida 34234

## ARTICLE IX

### OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the By-Laws. The duties of each officer shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 2: The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, are:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>
President	Cynthia Porter 600 47th Street Sarasota, Florida 34234
Vice President	Johnny Hunter, Sr. 3006 Goodrich Avenue Sarasota, Florida 34234
Secretary Treasurer	Mary S. Mack 2955 Noble Avenue Sarasota, Florida 34234

ARTICLE X

BY-LAWS

Section 1: The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Section 2: Upon proper notice, the By-Laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

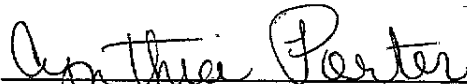
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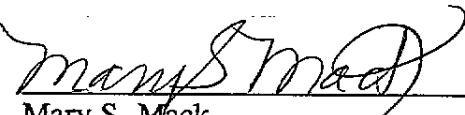
AMENDMENTS

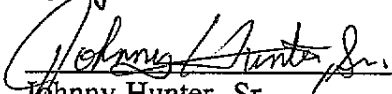
Section 1: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the directors called for that purpose, by a majority vote of those present.

Section 2: Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the By-Laws, of intention to submit such amendments, by a majority of those present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribers have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2002.

  
Cynthia Porter

  
Mary S. Mack

  
Johnny Hunter, Sr.

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION**  
**REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the state of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: **PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS, INC.**
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is: **Cynthia Porter, 600 47th Street, Sarasota, Florida 34234**

SIGNATURE Cynthia Porter  
Cynthia Porter  
TITLE Resident Agent  
DATE 8/28/02

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE Cynthia Porter  
Cynthia Porter  
DATE 8/28/02

REGISTERED AGENT FILING FEE: \$35.00

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