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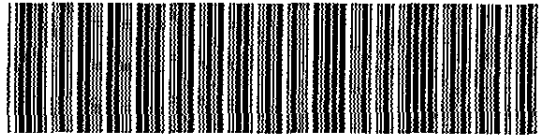
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Department of State
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SUBJECT: Harvestime Independent Living Resources of the Treasure Coast, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - **MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX**)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75
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FROM: Stephen A. Stewart
Name (Printed or typed)

6749 NW Daffodill Lane
Address

Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
City, State & Zip

772-475-3942
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF**

**HARVESTIME INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES of the TREASURE COAST, INC.
to be qualified as a Florida Not For Profit Corporation**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be Harvestime Independent Living Resources of the Treasure Coast, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**
4019 NW Cinnamon Circle, Jensen Beach, FL 34957-3665

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act[F S Chapter 617] exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). It shall operate as a publicly supported, charitable, "community fund" as defined Treasury Regulations Section 1.170A-9(e)(11). Income or principal may be distributed for such purposes to other publicly charitable corporations recognized by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from income taxation under Code Sections 501 (c)(3) and with respect to which donations are deductible under Code Sections 170 (c) (1) or 170 (c)(2)(B) and to projects and individuals as grant or scholarship as provided in the By-laws of the Corporation.

Our principal purpose is to promote a philosophy of independent living for people with disabilities, and to promote and maximize the integration and full inclusion of such individuals into the mainstream of society, in all aspects of daily life. And, to advocate for the disabled and disadvantaged in the areas of transportation, housing, education and employment without regard to race, sex, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin.

1. The establishment and operation of the programs to meet the moral, social, educational, and charitable uplift of all disabled and disadvantaged citizens needs in the state of Florida: however, we may expand wherever the need to serve human kind may exist.
 - a) The instigation and/or conducting of research and planning directed towards improving life and reducing personal hardship and combating community deterioration as a basis for such economic development and social service programming.

- b) The development community and area wide knowledge and understanding of the social, moral, and educational needs and the means to alleviate the same through all available media.
 - c) To serve as a vehicle of empowerment with specific concentration on employment, affordable housing, daycare, elderly care, mental retardation, handicapped, transit services, home weatherization, modification, and rehabilitation, small business development, youth development, youth build, intergenerational programs, life skills, consultant, referral and or any other activities related to the education, advocacy and empowerment of those whom seek to serve.
 - d) To offer the four core service of Systems and Individual Advocacy, Information and Referral, Peer Support and Independent Living Skills committed to the inclusion of diverse cultural and ethnic population.
 - e) The securing and expenditures of monies to implement such programs.
2. This corporation shall be at all times operated and conducted exclusively for charitable, moral, and educational purposes hereinabove set forth, and all the property of this corporation shall at all times be operated and conducted in conformity with the following additional provisions:
- f) All the activities carried under this corporation shall be carried on in the state of Florida and shall be limited to the continental United States, primarily for the benefit of the inhabitants of the state of Florida, in which we are located.
 - g) The officers of the corporation shall serve without compensation. The board of directors shall determine compensation of the staff and any independent contractor, which it determines to be necessary for the conduct for the business of the corporation.
 - h) No part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
 - i) The corporation shall not participate or intervene in or campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
3. In furtherance of our principal purpose and not in limitation we shall develop or sponsor the finance and development of rental housing such as independent living projects, condominiums units and small group homes with the availability of Section 811 supportive services for persons with disabilities.

In order to live in Section 811 housing, a household may consist of a single qualified person, must be very low-income (within 50 percent of the median income for the area), and have at least one member 18 years old or older that has a significant disability, such as a physical or developmental disability or chronic mental illness.

Also, we shall provide decent housing that is affordable to Qualified Homebuyers in cooperation with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) consistent with the requirements of HUD Mortgage Letter 2002-01. A "Qualified Homebuyer" as defined by HUD Mortgage Letter 2002-01 is a person who has not purchased a home within two years, and whose income is less than 110% of the median for the area in which the home is situated.

Sales of homes shall conform to the requirements of IRS Revenue Procedure 96-32, "Section 3. Safe Harbor for Relieving the Poor and Distressed." As set forth below:

- .01 (1) (a) At least 75 percent of the units are occupied by residents that qualify as low-income; and (b) either at least 20 percent of the units are occupied by residents that also meet the very low-income limit for the area or 40 percent of the units are occupied by residents that also do not exceed 120 percent of the area's very low-income limit. Up to 25 percent of the units may be provided at market rates to persons who have incomes in excess of the low-income limit.
- .02 (1) Low-income families and very low-income families will be identified in accordance with the income limits computed and published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of Income Limits for Low and Very Low-Income Families Under the Housing Act of 1937. The term "very-low income" is defined by the relevant housing statute as 50 percent of the area median income. The same statute defines the term "low income" as 80 percent of the area's median income.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Business of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of no less than seven persons. It shall be presided over by a chairperson elected by a majority of the board members. The chairperson shall also serve as the programs director and chief executive of the corporation. All directors shall serve as volunteers. No director, directly or indirectly, shall be remunerated by the corporation. Each director shall reside in the city of Fort Pierce, Fl or on the Treasure Coast and shall be a citizen or legal alien of the United States. A minimal of 51 percent of the directors shall qualify as disabled and be of a minority class. Diverse neighborhoods in the city of Fort Pierce and on the Treasure Coast will be

represented on the board of directors to the extent feasible. No director shall be appointed by the State of Florida or local authority or serve in a representative position.

2. Directors shall be chosen at either the monthly or annual meetings of the Board of Directors. Each shall serve for a term of two years and until its successor is elected and qualified. Vacancies in the board shall be filled for the balance of the term by a vote of the majority of the remaining Board of Directors. The directors shall control and manage the affairs and business of the corporation, and shall elect the officers of the corporation. The directors shall only act in the name of the corporation when it shall be regularly convened by the chairperson after due notice to all the directors of such meeting. A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The board of directors shall adopt such rules for this hearing as it may consider necessary for the best interests of the corporation.

ARTICLE V INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

Renee McCroey-Chairperson/President
1217 Avenue D, Fort Pierce, FL 34979

Stephen Stewart-Vice President
6749 NW Daffodill Lane, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

Nancy Hess-Treasurer
4019 NW Cinnamon Circle, Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Gregory Preston-Secretary
707 North 7th Street #262, Fort Pierce, FL

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

Nancy Hess-Treasurer
4019 NW Cinnamon Circle
Jensen Beach, FL 34957

ARTICLE VI INITIAL INCORPORATOR

Stephen Stewart
6749 NW Daffodill Lane, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

**ARTICLE VII
MEMBERSHIP**

- a) There shall be many classes of members as specified in the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE VIII
TERM**

1. The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.



Signature/Registered Agent

2/20/03
Date



Signature/Incorporator

2/20/03
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