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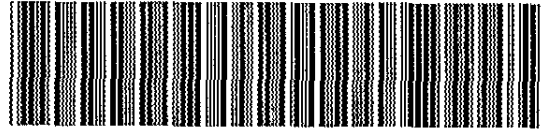
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THEODORE N TAYLOR

LAW OFFICE OF  
**THEODORE N. TAYLOR**  
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION  
THE OLD BADCOCK BUILDING  
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July 10, 2003

Department Of State  
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RE: Freedom From Obesity, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

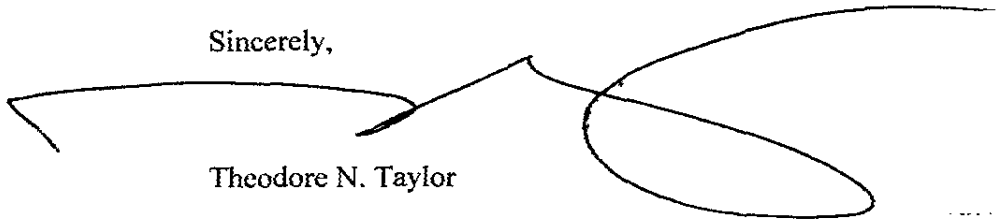
Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above named corporation. Also, enclosed is this firm's check in the amount of \$78.75, representing the fee for the following:

Filing fee	\$35.00
Registered Agent Designation	\$35.00
Certified copy	\$8.75

Upon filing, kindly return the copy of the articles, with filing designation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Theodore N. Taylor

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Enclosures



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Glenda E. Hood  
Secretary of State

September 24, 2003

THEODORE N. TAYLOR, P.A.  
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We have received your document for FREEDOM FROM OBESITY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The registered agent and street address must be consistent wherever it appears in your document.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6067.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**FREEDOM FROM OBESITY, INC.**  
**A Not For-Profit Corporation**

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**ARTICLE ONE - NAME**

The name of this Corporation shall be **FREEDOM FROM OBESITY, INC.**, with its principal place of business located at **316 N. Alexander Street, Plant City, Hillsborough County, Florida.**

**ARTICLE TWO - DURATION**

The Corporation shall have a perpetual existence, commencing on the date of filing.

**ARTICLE THREE - PURPOSE**

**A. General**

1. The Corporation is organized to promote public awareness of and to obtain funding to assist people to have gastro by-pass surgery who cannot afford it, and to engage in any other activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida, concerning any or all lawful business for which the Corporation may be organized under these Articles.

2. The foregoing clause shall be construed both as purposes and powers and shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers of the Corporation, or the enjoyment and exercise of these powers as conferred by the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America.

3. It is intended that this Corporation shall have the status of a Corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization (organism) described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code. These Articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the Corporation shall be limited accordingly.

**B. Restrictions**

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 payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Subpart A of this Article Three. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall involve the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code;

or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Corporation is open to any individual who qualifies therefor in the manner prescribed by the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is **202 South Collins Street, Plant City, Florida 33563**, and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is **THEODORE N. TAYLOR**, who, upon accepting this designation agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, with respect to keeping an office open for service of process.

#### **ARTICLE SIX - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which Board shall consist of not less than three (3) Directors, appointed by the President and shall hold office until successors are duly appointed and qualified. Such Board of Directors, at its annual meeting, shall elect a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other Directors or officers as may from time-to-time be necessary to administer actively the affairs of the Corporation, such officers to hold office at the pleasure of the President of the Board of Directors, or until successors are duly appointed and qualified. Such officers shall have such duties, tenure and compensation as may be specified by the Board of Directors. The names, titles of officers, and addresses of the members constituting the initial Board of Directors are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
<b>JAMES D. BASS</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>2217 Bogaert Road Dover, FL 33527</b>
<b>PAUL WIESEMANN</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>1215 Larnewood Drive Valrico, FL 33594</b>
<b>MEREDITH SCRIBNER</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>2716 Cedar Crest Drive Valrico, FL 33594</b>
<b>JANE E. BASS</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>2217 Bogaert Road Dover, FL 33527</b>

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN - BYLAWS**

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal these Articles shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE EIGHT - AMENDMENTS**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend the Articles of Incorporation at any regular or special meeting of the members by two-third (2/3) affirmative vote of the membership

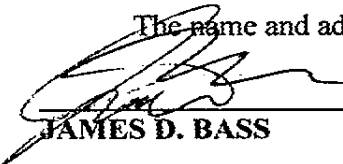
after proposal by the Board of Directors, as provided in the Bylaws or in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE NINE - DISTRIBUTIONS ON LIQUIDATION OR DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of this Corporation, or the liquidation of its assets, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation, in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of 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 Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes. In no event shall any of the net assets of the Corporation be distributed to or for benefit of any member, officer, or director of the Corporation or to any other individual; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to prevent a distribution from the net assets of the Corporation to another distributee, otherwise properly made in accordance with the provisions of these Articles and the purposes herein stated solely by reason of the fact that one or more of the members, officers, or directors of the Corporation may be connected or associated with the distributee as a shareholder, member, trustee, director, officer or in any other capacity.

**ARTICLE TEN - INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles as Incorporator are as follows

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JAMES D. BASS

2217 Bogaert Road  
Dover, FL 33527

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The foregoing Articles of Incorporation of **FREEDOM FROM OBESITY, INC.**, were acknowledged by me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003, by the above named individual, as Incorporator.

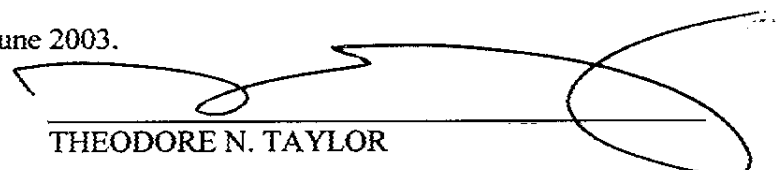


  
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**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been designated to accept service of process for **FREEDOM FROM OBESITY, INC.**, at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, **THEODORE N. TAYLOR** agrees to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, relative to keeping such office.

DATED this 26 day of June 2003.

  
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THEODORE N. TAYLOR