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ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW

October 24, 2003

Secretary of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Floridians for Independence and Choice

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above Corporation and our check in the amount of \$78.75. Please file said Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to me.

Your anticipated cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Janet L. Coffman

Assistant to Clifford B. Shepard, III

\jlc cc: Ms. Spano enclosures



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Glenda E. Hood Secretary of State

November 3, 2003

SHEPARD, FILBURN & GOODBLATT, P.A. 221 NORTHEAST IVANHOE BOULEVARD SUITE 205 ORLANDO, FL 32804

SUBJECT: FLORIDIANS FOR INDEPENDENCE AND CHOICE, INC.

Ref. Number: W03000032284

We have received your document for FLORIDIANS FOR INDEPENDENCE AND CHOICE, 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 purpose contained in your articles of incorporation should be more specific. Please correct your articles to reflect the specific purpose for which the corporation is being organized.

A non profit corporation does have shares.

An effective date <u>may</u> be added to the Articles of Incorporation <u>if a 2004 date is needed</u>, otherwise the date of receipt will be the file date. <u>A separate article must be added to the Articles of Incorporation for the effective date.</u>

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 SECRETARY OF STATE FLORIDIANS FOR INDEPENDENCE AND CHOICE, THICAHASSEE, FLORIDA

In accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida for the formation of Corporations Not For Profit, the undersigned, hereby forms a corporation not for profit for the purpose and with the powers hereinafter mentioned. To that end the undersigned, by these Articles of Incorporation, set forth the following:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is Floridians for Independence and Choice, Inc. and its principal place of business and mailing address is 649 Stonefield Loop, Heathrow, Florida 32746.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing on the filing of these Articles.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all business lawfully conducted by a corporation not for profit, including specifically to raise funds for individuals with disabilities who are currently without state funding.

ARTICLE IV - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 221 Northeast Ivanhoe Boulevard, Suite 205, Orlando, Florida 32804 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Clifford B. Shepard, III.

ARTICLE V - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be

either increased or diminished from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3) The name and address of the initial directors of this corporation are:

Sharon L. Spano 649 Stonefield Loop Heathrow, Florida 32746

Kingsley Ross 43 Harbour Point Drive Crawfordville, Florida 32327

J.C. Bowling 1861 Edgewater Drive Mt. Dora, Florida 32757

ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Clifford B. Shepard, III 221 Northeast Ivanhoe Boulevard Suite 205 Orlando, Florida 32804

ARTICLE VII - INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 2 day of November, 2003.

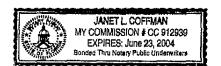
lifford B. Shepard, III, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 2 day of November,

2003, by Clifford B. Shepard, III, who is personally known to me or who has produced

as identification and who did take an oath.



NOTARY PUBLIC

Print: Janet L. Coffman State of Florida at Large

State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires:

Commission No.:____

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, being the person appointed in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as the registered agent for Floridians for Independence and Choice, Inc., hereby accepts such appointment this 22 day of November, 2003, and states that he is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations provided for in Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

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