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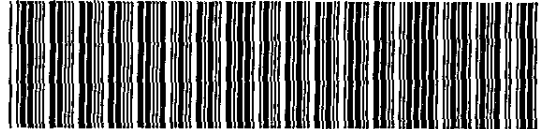
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Corporate Filings  
Division of Corporations  
Florida Department of State  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: Articles of Incorporation  
Business Connections of Stuart, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing with your office are Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation, along with a copy of same for certifying, and our check in the amount of \$78.75 for filing fees. Once the enclosed copy is certified, please return it to our office.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

  
Renee Watson, Legal Assistant

Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**BUSINESS CONNECTIONS OF STUART, INC.**

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby associate themselves for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit under and pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and do certify as follows:

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**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this corporation is BUSINESS CONNECTIONS OF STUART, INC., and the corporation is sometimes referred to herein as the "Corporation".

**ARTICLE II**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND AGENT**

The Principal place of business and initial registered office of the Corporation is: 729 South Federal Highway, Suite 222, Stuart, Florida 34994. The registered agent of the Corporation is: George B. Hough, Jr.

**ARTICLE III**

**OBJECTS, PURPOSES AND POWERS**

Section 1. This Corporation is a corporation not for profit organized for non-profitable purposes and activities and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or Member of the Corporation.

Section 2. The objects and purpose for which this Corporation is organized are as follows:

2.1 To help each Member grow their business and prosper. The Members will meet on a weekly basis to exchange business leads, learn more about each Member's business, encourage fellow Members, develop friendships, build loyalty, have fun and acquire a better understanding in support of our community.

2.2 To engage in such other activities as may be to the mutual benefit of the Members.

2.3 To make, levy and collect dues and charges and to expend the proceeds of such dues and charges for the benefits of its Members.

2.4 To do all things necessary and proper to carry out and accomplish the above objects and purposes and of such other objects and purposes as are deemed necessary to implement the powers of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **MEMBERS**

Section 1. The Members of this Corporation shall consist of those persons or organizations who are elected to be Members in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation. The first Board of Directors named in these Articles of Incorporation shall also be Members of the Corporation until the first election of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Membership of this Corporation cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Each Member shall have one vote.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **TERM**

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of three (3) Directors. The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until the first annual meeting and thereafter until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Debra Fiske	1586 S.E. Niemeyer Circle Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952
Gwenne Porter	1272 N.W. Federal Highway Stuart, Florida 34982
Julie Noble	1539 S.W. Dyer Point Road Palm City, Florida 34990

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Members of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation. Any two (2) or more offices may be

held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary. Officers, except for the President and Secretary, need not be members of the Board of Directors. The initial officers are:

Debra Fiske	President
Reba Lay	Vice President
Gwenne Porter	Secretary
Julie Noble	Treasurer

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

Every Director and every Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees reasonably incurred by or imposed upon her/him in connection with any proceeding to which she/he may be a party, or in which she/he may become involved, by reason of her/his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Corporation, or any settlement thereof, whether or not she/he is a Director or Officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being for the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or Officer may be entitled.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

No Member, director or Officer of the Corporation or other private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation. Unless agreed to the contrary by at least two-thirds (2/3) percent of each of the membership, upon dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to an appropriate public body, agency, or agencies, or any one or more of them or to any one or more non-profit corporations, association, trust or other organizations to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES**

These Articles may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Corporation entitled to vote.

ARTICLE XI

BYLAWS

The Corporation shall adopt Bylaws governing the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation. The Bylaws shall be altered, amended, or rescinded as provided in the Bylaws by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Corporation entitled to vote.

ARTICLE XII

SUBSCRIBING INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the subscribing incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

George B. Hough, Jr.                      729 South Federal Highway  
Suite 222  
Stuart, Florida 34994

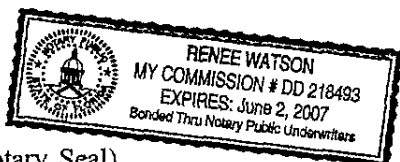
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribing incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal and caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

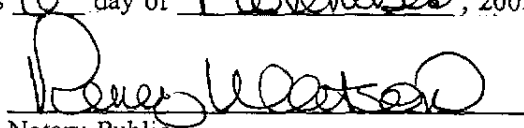
  
George B. Hough, Jr.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MARTIN

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the said County and State, personally appeared George B. Hough, Jr., personally known to me or who presented \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and after first being duly sworn, deposed under oath and said that the foregoing Articles of Incorporation were prepared under his direction and that he has knowledge of the facts stated therein, that said facts are true, and that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the purposes stated therein.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.



  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping open said place.

  
George B. Hough, Jr.

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