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SUBJECT: ORLANDO FIREFIGHTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, 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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FROM: Robert L. Biferie
Name (Printed or typed)

301 N Pine Meadows Drive, Suite A
Address

Debary, FL 32713-2304
City, State & Zip

(386) 668-6809
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ORLANDO FIREFIGHTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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The undersigned, being of legal age and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a not for profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The name of this Corporation shall be **ORLANDO FIREFIGHTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**, with its principal office located at 4005 N Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Florida 32804, and its mailing address being the same as its office address.

ARTICLE II
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall commence corporate existence on February 19, 2004, or, if later, on such date as is five (5) business days prior to the date these Articles are filed with the Florida Secretary of State. The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSES AND GENERAL POWERS

The general purpose of this Corporation shall be to provide education and charitable benefits and support to Orlando firefighters, including active, disabled and retired and their families, as stated in the bylaws of this corporation. This Corporation shall be organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation may also make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). This Corporation shall have all of the

powers enumerated in the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as the same now exists and as hereafter amended, and all such other powers as are permitted by applicable law, including, without limitation and only by illustration, the following:

- A. To have succession by its corporate name for the duration of its existence.
- B. To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed, affixed, or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, such seal shall always contain the words "corporation not for profit."
- C. To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- D. To modify any restriction or condition on the distribution of funds for any specified charitable purposes or to specified organizations if, in the sole judgment of the Board of Directors (without the approval of any trustee, custodian, or agent), such restriction or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the areas served by the Corporation, notwithstanding any conflicting formal or informal understanding or any provision in any instrument that creates or adds a fund or trust to the Corporation or evidences any gift, bequest, or devise to the Corporation or such fund or trust.
- E. To conduct its business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act or by other applicable law within or without the State of Florida.
- F. To elect or appoint officers and agents and define their duties and allow them reasonable compensation.
- G. To replace any participating trustee, custodian, or agent for breach of fiduciary duty under the laws of the State of Florida, or for failure to produce reasonable return of net income (or appreciation when not inconsistent with the Corporation's need for current income) with due regard to safety of principal, over a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Board of Directors. Upon the exercise of the power to replace any

participating trustee, custodian or agent, the Board of Directors shall have the power to select a successor trustee, custodian or agent to whose custody the fund or funds held by the former trustee, custodian or agent shall be transferred.

(i) In determining whether there is a reasonable return of net income there shall be excluded from such determination such assets as are held for the active conduct of this community trust's exempt activities; and such determination shall be made separately with respect to each restricted fund and shall be made in the aggregate with respect to the unrestricted funds of this community trust. A "restricted fund" shall mean a fund, any income of which has been designated by the donor of the gift or bequest to which such income is attributable as being available only for the use or benefit of a named charitable organization or agency or for the use or benefit of a particular class of charitable organizations or agencies, the members of which are readily ascertainable and are less than five in number.

(ii) If it appears that there may be grounds for exercising the powers described in this paragraph G with respect to any fund the Board of Directors shall notify the participating trustee, custodian or agent involved and provide a reasonable opportunity for explanation and/or correction. Before exercising this power, the Board of Directors may seek advice of legal counsel as to whether a breach or failure has been committed under the laws of the State of Florida. The Board of Directors shall exercise a power described in this paragraph G only upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

- H. To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with its Articles of Incorporation or with the laws of the State of Florida, for the administration and regulation of its affairs.
- I. To promote, by all proper and legitimate agencies and means, education and educational institutions generally, and any and all charitable, religious, scientific and educational movements, purposes or causes; to make gifts and donations for the public welfare or for charitable, religious, scientific, educational purposes or other similar purposes.
- J. To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its general purpose.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have members and shall not issue membership certificates. The Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

ARTICLE V
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be located at 301 N Pine Meadow Drive, Suite A, Debary, Florida 32713-2304, and the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address shall be ROBERT L. BIFERIE. The Corporation may change its registered agent or the location of its registered office, or both, from time to time without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VI
INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The directors shall be elected and their number either increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the Bylaws. The names and mailing addresses of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

Robert L. Biferie
301 N Pine Meadows Drive, Suite A
Debary, Florida 32713-2304

Ron Glass
2010 Hargate Ct
Ocoee, Florida 34761

Mark Oakes
2134 Candleridge Ct
Oveido, Fl 32766

ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles as incorporator is:

Robert L. Biferie
301 N Pine Meadows Drive, Suite A
Debary, Florida 32713-2304

ARTICLE VIII
BYLAWS

Except as otherwise provided by law, the power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors or by following the procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX
INDEMNIFICATION

In addition to any rights and duties under applicable law, the Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless all its directors, officers, employees and agents, and former directors, officers, employees and agents from and against all liabilities and obligations, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any actions taken or failed to be taken by said directors, officers, employees and agents in their capacity as such except for willful misconduct or gross negligence.

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENT

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto.

ARTICLE XI
TAX EXEMPT STATUS

It is intended that the Corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Therefore, notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

The Corporation is not organized for profit and the property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes of this Corporation as set forth in Article III above. No part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director or officer, or to the benefit of any private individual, person, firm or corporation. The Corporation shall, however, 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.

ARTICLE XII
DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XIII
HEADINGS AND CAPTIONS

The headings or captions of these various Articles are inserted for convenience and none of them shall have any force or effect, and the interpretation of the various Articles shall not be influenced by any of said headings or captions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida to do business both within and without the State of Florida, hereby makes and files these Articles of Incorporation declaring and certifying that the facts stated herein are true, and hereby subscribes thereto and hereunto sets his hand and seal this 19 day of February, 2004.



ROBERT L. BIFERIE

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR THE
SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA AND REGISTERED
AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED


In compliance with Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

ORLANDO FIREFIGHTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC., desiring to organize as a not for profit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida with its registered office and principal place of business at 301 N Pine Meadow Drive, Debary, Florida 32713-2304, has named and designated **ROBERT L. BIFERIE**, as its Registered Agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named not for profit corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties as Registered Agent.

Dated this 19 day of February, 2004.



ROBERT L. BIFERIE
Registered Agent

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