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#### Via Federal Express

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

RE: Articles of Incorporation of National Football League Retired Players
Association, Jacksonville Chapter, Inc.

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the abovereferenced matter together with our firm check in the amount of \$78.75 as payment of the filing fee, Registered Agent designation, and certificate.

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return same to the undersigned together with your Certificate of Status.

Thank you most cordially for your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely.

Theresa Ridgeway

Legal Assistant

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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Glenda E. Hood Secretary of State

April 7, 2004

CRABTREE & FALLAR ATTN: THERESA RIDGEWAY 8777 SAN JOSE BLVD., BUILDING A, STE 200 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32217

SUBJECT: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RETIRED PLAYERS

ASSOCIATION, JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, INC.

Ref. Number: W04000013602

We have received your document for NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RETIRED PLAYERS ASSOCIATION, JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, 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 name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an administratively dissolved/revoked entity. Names of administratively dissolved/revoked entities are not available for one year from the date of administrative dissolution/revocation unless the dissolved/revoked entity provides the Department of State with a notarized affidavit stating that they have no intention of reinstating, therefore, releasing the name for use to another entity.

#### Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.

The person designated as incorporator in the document and the person signing as incorporator must be the same.

Ronnie D.Coppenbarger or R.R. Crabtree? The address must be consistant wherever it appears in your document.(Article VII)

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) 245-6965.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### NFL RETIRED PLAYERS ASSOCIATION, JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is NFL RETIRED PLAYERS ASSOCIATION, JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, INC., hereafter called the "Association".

#### ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office of the Association is located at 76 Laura Street, Suite 2102, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

#### ARTICLE III - DURATION

The Association shall have perpetual duration.

#### ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The specific purposes for which the Jacksonville Chapter is organized are:

- A) To exist and operate as a business league within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") and no part of the income or assets of this corporation shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of, any individual;
- B) To represent the best interests of retired NFL Players ("Retired Players") in the Jacksonville, Florida area to the NFL Players Association, the NFL Retired Players Association and to the community;
  - To develop a local network of Retired Players;
  - D) To promote the image of the NFL and the game of football;
- E) To sponsor youth football programs, scholarships and other charitable endeavors;
  - F) To support the Players Assistance Trust Fund; and,
- G) To operate, participate in and/or manage any other programs or activities that are not prohibited by law that do not conflict with the provisions of Section 501(C)(6) of the Code.

The corporation shall have and exercise all powers of any corporation not for profit as the same now exist, or may hereafter exist under the laws fo the State of Florida. No part of the assets, income or profits of this Corporation shall be distributable to, or inure to the benefit of, its members, directors or officers or any private individual, except that this Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to its employees for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(C)(6) of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE V - MEMBERS**

The initial members shall be **Ronnie D. Coppenbarger**, **Paul Frase** and **Paul Rochester**. The qualifications of Members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI- DIRECTORS AND THE MANNER OF THEIR ELECTION

The Board of Directors shall consist of at least Three (3) Members, which number may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Members. The initial Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Members to serve until the first annual meeting of the Members of this corporation. Subsequently, the method of election shall be as stated in the Bylaws of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII- INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the Incorporator for these Articles of Incorporation is:

Ronnie D. Coppenbarger 76 Laura Street, Suite 2102 Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**

This Corporation may amend, alter or repeal any provision of these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereinafter provided by Florida law.

#### **ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaw for this Corporation and from time to time may modify, alter, amend or rescind the same by majority vote of the Members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting or by written consent of all the members of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Jacksonville Chapter, any assets will be distributed to the National Office of the NFLPA Retired Players Association.

#### ARTICLE XI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

R.R. Crabtree, 8777 San Jose Boulevard, Building A, Suite 200, Jacksonville, Florida 32217,is hereby appointed the initial registered agent of this Association.

The undersigned, constituting the subscriber of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 15 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

RONNIE D. COPHENBAR

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DUVAL

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared RONNIE D. COPPENBARGER, who is personally known to me and who, after first duly sworn, deposes under oath and said that the foregoing Articles were prepared under his direction and that he had 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  $\underline{\zeta}$  day of April, 2004.

Notary Public, State of Florida My commission expires:

R. R. CRABTHEE

MY COMMISSION # DD 178752

EXPIRES: May 19, 2007

Bonded thru Notary Public Underwriters

# FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

FIRST THAT NFL RETIRED PLAYERS ASSOCIATION, JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, INC., WITH ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS AT 76 SOUTH LAURA STREET, SUITE 2102, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202, HAS NAMED R. R. CRABTREE, CRABTREE & FALLAR, P.A., 8777 SAN JOSE BOULEVARD, BUILDING A, SUITE 200, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32217, AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

Ronnie D. Copperibarger INCORPORATOR

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED ABOVE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

DATED: April , 2004.

R. R. CRABTREE REGISTERED AGENT

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