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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SARASOTA COUNTY

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

(A Corporation Not for Profit)

In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I hereby make, adopt and subscribe the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CORPORATION**

The name of the corporation shall be:

Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County

The principal address and the mailing address of the corporation shall be:

1945 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, Florida 34236

**ARTICLE 2
PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized on a not for profit basis as a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to advance and support the recruitment, formation, expansion and retention of quality jobs and competitive businesses that lead to a diversified, year-round, and sustainable economy for Sarasota County and surrounding Florida communities.

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 the purpose clause hereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(6), of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE 3
MEMBERSHIP**

The qualification for members and the manner of their admission shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 4
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) persons shall oversee the affairs of corporation. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be elected or appointed as stated in the Bylaws.

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The names and addresses of the Directors who are to manage the affairs of the corporation until the first annual meeting of said members and until their successors are duly elected and qualified are as follows:

Allan Barberio
Kerkerling, Barberio and Company
1858 Ringling Boulevard
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Tim Clarke
Clarke Advertising & Public Relations
333 North Orange Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Robert Dawson
Commissioner, Town of Longboat Key
501 Bay Isles Road
Longboat Key, Florida 34228

Joseph Fink
Commissioner, City of North Port
5650 North Port Boulevard
North Port, Florida 34287

Rod Hershberger
PGT Industries
1070 Technology Drive
Nokomis, Florida 34275

Pam Licurance Kirscher
Miles Media Group
6751 Professional Parkway
Sarasota, Florida 34240

Vicente Medina
Oswald Trippe & Company
1544 First Street
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Brian Meurs
RE/MAX Properties
1314 Venice Avenue East
Venice, Florida 34292

Dan Miller
Startup Florida
650 Central Ave, Suite #4
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Mary Anne Servian
Commissioner, City of Sarasota
P.O. Box 1058
Sarasota, Florida 34230

Patricia Caswell
Sarasota County Arts Council
1266 North Tamiami Trail, Suite 300
Sarasota, Florida 34236

John Cox
Halfacre Construction
7015 Professional Parkway East
Sarasota, Florida 34240

Jerome Dupree
African American Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 5114
Sarasota, Florida 34277

Don Hay
Salomon Smith Barney
333 South Tamiami Trail, Suite 199
Venice, Florida 34285

Bob Heuter
Mote Marine Laboratory
1600 Ken Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Katie Klauber-Moulton
The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort
1820 Gulf of Mexico Drive
Longboat Key, Florida 34228

Anne Merrill
AMDS, Inc.
P.O. Box 15340
Sarasota, Florida 34277

Hugh Middlebrooks
Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz & Getzen
200 South Orange Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Sarah Pappas
Manatee Community College
5840 26th Street
Bradenton, Florida 34206

Larry Starr
ResortQuest of SW Florida
4030 Gulf of Mexico Drive
Longboat Key, Florida 34228

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Shannon Staub
Commissioner, Sarasota County
1880 Ringling Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Sarasota, Florida 34236

John Swart
Lakewood Ranch Realty Company
8319 Market Street
Bradenton, Florida 34202

Larry Thompson
Ringling School of Art & Design
2700 North Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, Florida 34234

Matt Walsh
The Longboat Observer
5570 Gulf of Mexico Drive
Longboat Key, Florida 34228

Dr. Laurey Stryker
University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee
6700 North Tamiami Trail COH, Room 216
Sarasota, Florida 34243

Rick Tacy
Vice Mayor, City of Venice
401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, Florida 34285

Dale Vollrath
TRC Staffing Services
5321 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, Florida 34232

ARTICLE 5 CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE 6 BYLAWS

The first Board of Directors of the corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

ARTICLE 7 REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz & Getzen
200 South Orange Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236

The initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is:

J. Hugh Middlebrooks

ARTICLE 8 INCORPORATORS

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

J. Hugh Middlebrooks
Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz & Getzen
200 South Orange Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236

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**ARTICLE 9
COMMITTEES**

The corporation may establish such committees as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the general purposes and activities of the corporation.


**ARTICLE 10
DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not 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 11
AMENDMENT**

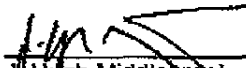
This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 3rd day of May, 2004.


J. Hugh Middlebrooks

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby consents to the appointment as Registered Agent of the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County to accept service of process upon said corporation in this state. By execution hereof, the undersigned accepts appointment as registered agent of the Corporation, and acknowledges that he is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of that position.


J. Hugh Middlebrooks
Registered Agent

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