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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

BPW of Charlotte County Scholarship Foundation Inc.

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

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Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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Mary A. Ryrski, Registered Agent

Register

941-833-9262 Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

BPW of CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC. (A Florida Corporation Not For Profit)

The undersigned subscriber, <u>PATRICIA HAYES as President of the Business and Professional Women (BPW) of Charlotte County</u>, a natural person competent to contract, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 617.0202 Florida Statutes (2003), adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation is BPW of Charlotte County Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit. The business address of the corporation is PO Box 510180, Punta Gorda, FL 33951-0180.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

- 1. The objective and purpose of the organization shall be to raise funds for scholarships to assist women of all ages in achieving their career goals through post secondary education and training, including women returning to the workforce.
- 2. Any other provision of these Articles, By Laws or any rule adopted by the directors to the contrary notwithstanding, no part of the earnings of this corporation or the assets hereof shall ever inure to the benefit of any individual, but shall be used only for the charitable purposes stated herein. On termination of the existence of this organization, any remaining funds or assets shall be transferred by the directors to another organization qualified under the laws and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service to operate as a charitable organization with tax exempt status.
- 3. Section 617l0835 Florida Statutes (2003) as it currently exists or may be amended, is incorporated herein by this specific reference and no prohibited activity by a private foundation shall be permitted by this corporation.
- 4. This corporation shall have all the powers conferred on corporations not for profit by Chapter 617 Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1 The directors shall be elected at the scholarship foundations annual meeting in April.
- Section 2 Only individuals who are members in good standing shall be eligible for office.
- Section 3 At a business meeting preceding the annual meeting, a nominating committee of at least three members shall be selected. The nominating committee shall present to the annual meeting a slate of one or more nominees for each office. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

- Section 1 The directors shall be a president, a president-elect, a secretary and a treasurer.
- Section 2 A term of office shall be one year.
- Section 3 Directors shall assume their duties immediately following the May meeting and shall serve for one year or until their successors are duly elected.

ARTICLE V DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The name and address of each member of the first Board of Directors, who shall hold office for the first year of existence of the corporation or until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified is as follows:

President: Pat Hayes; 2850 Don Quixote Drive; Punta Gorda, FL 33950

President-elect: Michelle McIntyre; 26329 Barranqilla Ave; Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Secretary: Jan Mann; 25317 Ojibway Court; Punta Gorda, FL 33983 Treasurer: Pat Walker; 3547 Dipper Court; Punta Gorda, FL 33950

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The registered agent:

Mary A. Byrski, Attorney at Law; 230 Bal Harbor Blvd,

Suite 113; Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

I CERTIFY that I am a resident of Charlotte County, Florida and my office address is as indicated above. I hereby accept the foregoing designation as Resident Agent and agree to act in this capacity and to accept service of process at the address above.

Signed on $\frac{2}{22}$, 2005.

MARY A. BYRSKI, Resident Agent

ARTICLE VII EXEMPTION UNDER IRC SECTION 501(C)(3)

Section 1 Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organization that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2 No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers, or other organization members, except that the organization 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, including to organization members who may meet the objectives stated in Article II. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other purposes not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deducible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3 Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one ore 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 Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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 VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Business and Professional Women of Charlotte County, Florida by and through PATRICIA HAYES as President.

ARTICLE IX COMMENCEMENT

This corporation shall begin its corporate existence on filing.

PATRICIA HAYES, President
BPW of Charlotte County, Florida

State of Florida County of Charlotte

Before me personally appeared PATRICIA HAYES known to me personally or who produced _______as identification, known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged before me that she executed said instrument for the purposes herein expressed and who did take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal/stamp this 28th day of February, 2005.

(Stamp or Seal)

SANDRA JO BUSSEY
MY COMMISSION # DD 067478
EXPIRES: October 24, 2005
Bonded Thru Notery Public Underwriters

Notary Public State of Florida

My Commission Expires: Oct 24, 2005

Commission Number: _DD 067478