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UBJECT: (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)				
Enclosed is an original and	one(1) copy of the Artic	les of Incorporation and a	a check for :	
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION for THUNDERBIRDS NATIONAL KARATE TEAM, Inc.

Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the State of Florida statues, do hereby certify:

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

The name of the corporation is:

# THUNDERBIRDS NATIONAL KARATE TEAM, Inc. Federal EIN #20-3226946

#### ARTICLE II - LOCATION

The place in this state where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is:

3414 Jenks Avenue, Suite C, Panama City, Florida 32405 Bay County

#### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSES**

The general nature of the objects and purposes of this corporation shall be:

To organize its members into a non-profit, charitable association for the purpose of providing operational support and promoting Martial Arts educational, cultural and charitable activities at all levels to include national and international competitions. This includes support pertaining to Martial Arts demonstrations for other civic or not-for-profit organizations and to educate these organizations in the discipline of Martial Arts. The Thunderbirds are to develop amateur athletes for competitions and demonstrations as well as the training and certification of Martial Arts instructors. Including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE IV - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

Membership is open to any person interested in supporting Thunderbirds National Karate Team, Inc. and furthering community support for the people, programs and activities of the corporation as outlined. Only legal adults over the age of twenty-one (21) at the time of an election may hold an executive office.

#### ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved by law.

#### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

Section I: The officers of the corporation shall be Executive Director, such number of Trustees, and other such officers as may be provided in the rules and regulations.

Section II: The names and persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation for the first year of operations, unless changed by the Board of Trustees as provided in the rules and regulations are:

President Marty Martin
Vice-President Vickie Martin
Secretary Perry Cain
Treasurer Vickie Martin

Section III: The ensuing officers shall be elected at an annual meeting of the corporation or as provided in the rules and regulations.

#### ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section I: The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the control and management of the business affairs of this corporation, and may exercise all powers of the corporation, including the establishment of all policies and operating procedures of the corporation. No trustee shall receive a salary or other compensation for services rendered as a trustee except as a reimbursement for expenses on behalf of the corporation.

Section II: The Board of Trustees, guardians and parents of the Thunderbirds National Karate Team, Inc. members will preside as trustees of the corporation.

Section III: The presence, in person or by proxy (for special meetings only), of a majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum at each meeting of the trustees of the Thunderbirds National Karate Team, Inc.

Section IV: Each trustee shall have one vote and unless a greater vote is required by statue of these Articles of Incorporation, a majority vote shall be necessary for the exercise of the powers of the Board of Trustees hereunder. A trustee may vote by proxy, but only at a special meeting and only if in writing and given to another trustee.

Section V: The term of each trustee shall be one (1) year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees during this term shall be filled by upcoming parents/guardians of new members.

Section VI: Elections of the Executive Board member by the Board of Trustees shall be by secret ballot at the December meeting of corporation and shall be conducted by an Election Committee consisting of three members not participating as a nominee. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. If a vacancy occurs in an executive office, the vacancy will be filled by nomination and majority vote of the Board of Trustee's general membership at the next scheduled meeting except in the case of the President, when the Vice-President shall automatically assume the duties of President without an election.

#### ARTICLE VIII - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section I: The rules and regulations of this corporation may be altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting of said Board of Trustees of this corporation, providing the proposed amendments shall have first been presented in writing to the Board of Trustees at least one month prior for approval.

Section II: Without such approval as required by Section I, above, the rules and regulations may be amended at any meeting this corporation may hold by a unanimous vote of the members present.

#### ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section I: These articles of incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote of those present.

Section II: Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon a one month notice given of intention to submit such amendments and will also require a two-thirds majority of those present.

#### **ARTICLE X - INDEBTEDNESS**

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation may at any time subject itself shall never be greater than that allowed by law.

#### ARTICLE XI - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation and upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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, and none of the assets will distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this corporation. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of Bay County, Florida, exclusively for the such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE XII - SUBSCRIBERS/INCORPORATORS

The names and residences of the subscribers/incorporators to these articles are:

Marty Martin 3414 Jenks Avenue Suite C Panama City, FL 32405 Vickie Martin 3414 Jenks Avenue Suite C Panama City, FL 32405

Perry Cain 1606 Wyoming Avenue Lynn Haven, FL 32444

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals this <u>Ougust 304</u>, acos, for the purpose of forming this not for profit, charitable corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

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#### ARTICLE XIII - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated comporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statues relating to the proper and complete I i performance of my duties and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position agent agent for

## THUNDERBIRDS NATIONAL KARATE TEAM, Inc.

The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Marty Martin
3414 Jenks Avenue
Suite C
Panama City, Florida 32405

Signature:

Title: Registered Agent

Date: August 3012 2005