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# Anne Sheffler Douglass

ATTORNEY AT LAW

January 19, 2006

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

Re: AGING SAFELY, INC.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above named corporation. I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$87.50 which represents the filing fee and a fee for a certified copy and certificate of status.

Please forward the certified copy and the certificate of status to me at 1111 Third Avenue West, Suite 120, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

Sincerely yours

Anne Sheffler Douglass

Attorney at Law

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

# AGING SAFELY, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

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

The name of the Corporation shall be AGING SAFELY, INC.

# ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be 7120 St. John's Way, Bradenton, Florida 34201.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE AND POWERS

- Section 1. This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational, purposes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 2. Aging Safely, Inc. is a not for profit corporation formed to be a public guardian designated by the Statewide Public Guardianship Office pursuant to Part IX of Chapter 744, Florida Statutes. A Guardian is a person or organization who has been appointed by the court to act on behalf of an incapacitated ward's person or property, or both. As public guardian the corporation will serve as a guardian of a person adjudicated incapacitated under Chapter 744 of the Statutes of the state of Florida.
- Section 3. The corporation shall primarily serve incapacitated persons, wards, who are of limited financial means. The wards are individuals who have been adjudicated by the court as incapacitated and they lack the capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning personal or financial matters due to mental illness, developmental disability, physical

incapacity, chronic intoxication or advanced age.

Section 4. The corporation, as guardian, is an agent of the court, which shall make decisions on behalf of the ward to protect the ward's rights, preserve the ward's assets, and provide for the ward's basic needs in a humane manner with dignity and respect, and to protect the ward from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Section 5. The Corporation may exercise all powers, rights and privileges conferred on not for profit corporations pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE IV - NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Aging Safely, Inc. has a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward its wards and it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, national, ethnic or religious origin in administration of its policies, or acceptance of wards as clients.

## ARTICLE V - CHARITABLE STATUS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# ARTICLE VI - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the members of which shall be hereinafter referred to as Directors.

Section 2. The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of three (3) Directors, whose names and addresses are as follows:

**NAME** 

**ADDRESS** 

M. ASHLEY BUTLER

7120 St. John's Way, Bradenton, FL 34201

REBA ROGERS, CPA

P.O. Box 14179, Bradenton, FL 34280

ANNE SHEFFLER DOUGLASS, ESQ.

1111 3rd Ave., West, Bradenton, FL 34205

Section 3. The number of Directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall not be less than three (3).

Section 4. Directors shall be elected and hold office as provided in the Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE VI - BYLAWS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws for the Corporation at a meeting of the Board of Directors following the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2. The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation may be exercised by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as set forth in the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE VIII - 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 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. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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 IX - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be

ANNE SHEFFLER DOUGLASS, ESQ. 1111 Third Avenue West, Suite 120 Bradenton, Florida 34205.

# ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

M. ASHLEY BUTLER

7120 St. John's Way, Bradenton, FL 34201

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 17 day of January, 2006.

M. ASHLEY BUTZER, Incorpo

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared M. ASHLEY BUTLER to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and that she acknowledged before me that she executed the same. I relied upon the following form of identification of the above named person:

who is personally known to me,

who produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this \_\_\_\_\_\_

of January, 2006.

ANNE SHEFFLER DOUGLASS S Notary Public, State of Florida My comm. expires July 27, 2006 Comm. No. DD125596

## **ACCEPTANCE**

I hereby accept to act as initial Registered Agent for AGING SAFELY, INC., as stated in these Articles of Incorporation.

ANNE SHEFFLER DOUGLASS