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**SUBJECT:** *Emerald Coast Business Leadership Network Inc.*  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

(This is a Non-Profit Filing)

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

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☐ \$78.75  
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FROM: *Mark W. Laufer*  
Name (Printed or typed)

*3110 Cobblestone Drive*  
Address

*Pace, FL 32571*  
City, State & Zip

*(850) 995-0103*  
Daytime Telephone number

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

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States and residents of the State of Florida, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida, do hereby certify:

### I

The name of the corporation (herein referred to as the Corporation) is: EMERALD COAST BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK INC.

### II

The place in this State where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Ft. Walton Beach, Okaloosa County, State of Florida.

The mailing address of the Corporation is: M.T.I., 70 Ready Avenue N.W., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

### III

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, purposes, including the expansion of fair employment opportunities for people with disabilities through provision of education and support to Emerald Coast business leaders.

### IV

Initial directors will be appointed by majority vote after the first organization meeting. Additional directors will be appointed by the board of directors by majority vote.

### V

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is five (5), and their names and addresses are:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Addresses</u>
Trisha Petrulli	7259 Frankfort Street Navarre, FL 32566
Margie Howard	1719 Turkey Oak Drive Navarre, FL 32566
Kim Clark	708 Randall Roberts Rd. Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547
Ken Mallory	571 Rough leaf Lane Mary Esther, FL 32569
Sheila Scott	108 Country Club Drive Shalimar, FL 32597

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## VI

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: Sheryl Hollarn, M.T.I. 70 Ready Avenue N.W., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

## VII

The name and Florida street address of the incorporator is: Mark W. Laufer, 3110 Cobblestone Drive, Pace Florida 32571

## VIII

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, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

## IX

Upon 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.

## X

The following provisions are hereby adopted for the purposes of defining, limiting and regulating the powers of the Corporation and its directors:

- (a) To sue and be sued;
- (b) To have a corporate seal;
- (c) To purchase, take, receive, lease, acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal in real, intellectual and personal property and to dedicate such to the furtherance of the Corporations purposes as stated in article III;
- (d) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, and dispose of property, including corporate property and assets in furtherance of the Corporations purposes as stated in Article III;
- (e) To make contracts and guarantees, and incur liabilities; borrow money, and secure obligations by mortgage or pledge in furtherance of the Corporations purposes as stated in Article III;
- (f) To invest and reinvest funds in furtherance of the Corporations purposes as stated in Article III;
- (g) To conduct its business and carry on its operations in or out of its State of incorporation;
- (h) To elect or appoint officers and agents and fix their compensation;
- (i) To make, adopt, amend, or repeal By-Laws;
- (j) To make charitable contributions;

- (k) To cease its corporate activities and surrender its corporate franchise;
- (l) To indemnify directors;
- (m) To pay pensions and establish and carry out retirement plans, benefit plans, and any other incentive and compensation plans for any or all of its directors, officers and employees.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Sheryl Hollam  
Signature/Registered Agent

September 29, 2006  
Date

Mark W. Lauf  
Signature/Incorporator

09/28/06  
Date

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