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## **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: Florida Association of Children's Hospitals, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX) Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for: \$70.00 \$78.75 \$87.50 \$78.75 Filing Fee Filing Fee Filing Fee Filing Fee, & Certificate of Status & Certified Copy Certified Copy & Certificate of Status ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED FROM: Van P. Geeker, Esquire Name (Printed or typed) 2457 Care Drive Address Tallahassee, Florida 32308 City, State & Zip (850) 878-2411

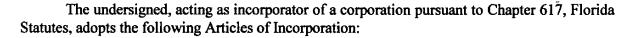
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

## FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS, INC.



## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this Corporation shall be "Florida Association of Children's Hospitals, Inc."

## **ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this Corporation shall be 807 Children's Way, Jacksonville, Florida 32207.

## **ARTICLE III - PURPOSES**

The specific purposes for which this Corporation is organized are:

- (a) To operate without regard to race, age, sex or national origin;
- (b) To unite children's hospitals in the State of Florida into a representative organization that will function to enhance and improve children's healthcare through collaborative efforts in patient care and services, education and research;
- (c) To cooperate with other organizations of similar purpose, and the healthcare profession at large; and
- (d) To serve in child advocacy.

## **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

The business of this Corporation is to be managed by a President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. The office of the Secretary/Treasurer may be held by the same person, and those who manage the business of this Corporation shall be elected at an annual meeting of this Corporation and shall serve for a period of two (2) years. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve for the initial two (2) year term are:

- (a) Michael Aubin, PresidentSt. Joseph's Children's Hospital3001 West Martin Luther King BoulevardTampa, Florida 33607
- (b) William Blanchard, MD, Vice President Children's Hospital @ Sacred Heart 5153 North Ninth Avenue Pensacola, Florida 32504
- (c) Larry Freeman, Secretary/Treasurer
  Wolfson Children's Hospital
  800 Prudential Drive
  Jacksonville, Florida 32207

## <u>ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS</u>

The Board of Directors shall be determined pursuant to the method of election as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI - POWERS**

This Corporation is formed exclusively for purposes specified in Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, members of the Board of Directors or officers or other private persons, except that this Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to its employees for services rendered. 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 concerning) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

## **ARTICLE VII - MEMBERS**

The members of this organization shall be children's hospitals that:

(a) Provide a full spectrum of pediatric and pediatric subspeciality care;

- (b) Accept all children for care regardless of the ability of the parent, guardian or care giver to pay;
- (c) Possess an administrative and nursing staff exclusively dedicated to the children's hospital;
- (d) Possess a physical, separate distinctive part of a general medical hospital center or be free standing;
- (e) Are governed by an appropriate board of directors; and
- (f) Are approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION ON LIQUIDATION**

In the event of dissolution of this Corporation or the winding up its affairs, or other liquidation of its assets, this Corporation's property shall not be conveyed to any organization created or operated for profit or to any individual, and all assets remaining after the payment of this Corporation's debts shall be conveyed or distributed at the direction of the then Directors of this Corporation to its member organizations.

## **ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and address of the initial registered agent are:

Larry Freeman Wolfson Children's Hospital 800 Prudential Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32207

## **ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS**

The members of this Corporation shall make and adopt Bylaws for this Corporation and said members, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, either in person or by proxy, shall have the power to alter, amend and rescind such Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE X - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator are:

Michael Aubin St. Joseph's Children's Hospital 3001 West Martin Luther King Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33607

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Incorporator

Date: /2/1/06

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.

LARRY FREEMAN

Registered Agent

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