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July 25, 2007

Corporate Records Bureau Division of Corporations Attention: Corporate Division Department of State Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

RE: LEHIGH ACRES CHAMBER FOUNDATION

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced company along with the Designation of Resident Agent pertaining thereto, and our check in the amount of \$122.50. Kindly file the enclosed papers and return a certified copy to this office in the envelope provided for your convenience.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cenneth K. Thompson

KKT/dlm Enclosures

cc: Oliver Conover



Division of Corporations

July 31, 2007

KENNETH K THOMPSON, ESQ 1150 LEE BOULEVARD SUITE 1 LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936

SUBJECT: LEHIGH ACRES CHAMBER FOUNDATION

Ref. Number: W07000036931

We have received your document for LEHIGH ACRES CHAMBER FOUNDATION and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The corporate name must contain a suffix that will clearly indicate that it is a corporation. Such suffixes include: CORPORATION, CORP., COMPANY, CO., INC., and INCORPORATED.

The article numbers must be listed in sequence.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6879.

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A Corporation Not-for-Profit

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation not-for-profit under Chapter 617, Laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges, and immunities of a corporation not-for-profit.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is **LEHIGH ACRES CHAMBER FOUNDATION**, **INC.**, a corporation not-for-profit, located at 4109 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing on the date of this filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Department of State.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The general purpose of the corporation is to be as follows:

- (a) The general purposes of the corporate are to encourage the making of gifts, benefactions and other donations, by deed, will, direct gift or otherwise for the assistance, advancement and to strengthen the development and growth of Lehigh Acres, Florida. This FOUNDATION, INC. shall primarily support and assist the Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce in its community development activities.
- (b) The specific and primary purpose of this corporation is exclusively for the furtherment of community benefits and industrial development purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Such purposes shall be charitable, educational, scientific and civic.
- (c) Subject always to the exempt purposes of this corporation, the specific objects and purposes of the corporation hereby incorporated and the powers which it may exercise are as follows:
- (i) To encourage, solicit, receive and administer gifts, bequeaths, donations and benefactions, by deed, will or otherwise, for the advancement of corporate purposes.

- (ii) To take, receive, own, hold, administer, distribute and dispose of property, gifts or donations of all kinds, whether owned by it or others; whether real, personal or mixed, acquired by gift, bequest, devise or otherwise, for the advancement, promotion, extension or maintenance of such causes and objects, or any of them, and, in addition thereto, and not in limitation thereof, the foregoing purposes and powers, the corporation may acquire, take, receive, own, hold, administer, distribute and dispose of gifts or donations of property, real, personal or mixed, designated by the givers or donors for causes or objects herein mentioned, now or at any time thereafter, fostered by the corporation.
- (iii) To acquire by lease, option, purchase, gift, grant, devise or conveyance, or otherwise to hold, enjoy, possess, rent, lease and sell real property or any interest therein as may be deemed to the interest of the corporation.
- (iv) To acquire by option, purchase, gift, grant, bequest and transfer, or otherwise to hold, enjoy, possess and pledge its security, sell, lease, transfer or in any manner dispose of personal property of any class or description whatsoever, to retain any property, investments of securities originally received by the corporation or thereafter acquired by it, so long as the directors of the corporation shall consider the retention thereof desirable; to invest any and all funds coming into the hands of the corporation, or any account whatsoever, in such property, investments or securities, as the directors of the corporation may, in the discretion of the directors deem advisable, however doubtful, hazardous or limited the description or nature of any property, investments, or securities so retained may be, whether or not the same are, or may be, such as are authorized or deemed proper for investment of trust funds under the Constitution or the laws of the State of Florida or of the United States; to convert real property owned by the corporation into personal property and personal property into real property; to improve or cause or permit real property to be improved and to abandon any property which the directors of the corporate deem to be without substantial value, to manage and control any shares of stock, certificates of interest, bonds, or other securities of any corporation, trusts or associations, at any time acquired in any way by this corporation, and with respect to the same to concur in any plan, scheme or arrangement for the consolidation, merger, conversion, recapitalization, reorganization or dissolution of the lease or other disposition of the properties of any such corporation, trusts or associations, the securities of which are held by this corporation, and as owner thereof to vote, or give or grant proxy or proxies to vote, any security of any corporation, trusts or associations held by this corporation at any meeting of the holders of the same class of securities of the issuing entity, and generally, in all respects to exercise all of the rights of ownership therein.
- (v) To borrow money to be used by it in payment of property bought by it, and for erecting buildings, making improvements and for other purposes germane to the objects of its creation, and to secure the repayment of the money thus borrowed by mortgage, pledge or deed of trust, but no trust assets may be pledged or committed in a manner that would violate the trust upon which held.

- (vi) To do and perform all other acts and things which may be incidental to and come legitimately within th scope of any and all the foregoing objects and purposes or which may be necessary or appropriate for the carrying out and accomplishing of any and all of the foregoing objects and purposes, and subject to the limitations hereinabove or hereinafter expressed to have and exercise all rights and powers not conferred or which may hereafter be conferred on corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.
- (vii) Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, the corporation shall not be operated for private profit and no party of the assets or the net earnings of the corporation shall at any time inure to the benefit of any private shareholder, member, director, or officer, or to be applied to the activities and carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation; and no part of the assets or the net earnings of the corporation shall at any time be applied to any purposes other than charitable, scientific, civic or educational.
- (viii) The foregoing clauses shall be construed equally as objects, purposes, and powers and the foregoing enumeration of specific objects, purposes or powers shall not be construed of hold to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of the corporation as expressly conferred by law, except as expressly stated herein.
- (ix) In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations, which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.
- (d) Notwithstanding any of the above stated purposes, this corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific and civic purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service of 1994, 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 provisions of any future United State Internal Revenue Code.

The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as a statement of both purposes and powers, and the purposes and powers in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to, or influence from the terms or provisions of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not engage in any activities which in themselves are not in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Paragraph II hereof, and noting contained in the foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed to authorize this corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of or distribute profit, net income, assets or dividends to any of its members, trustee, directors, 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 furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Paragraph. No substantial party 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 any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IV - TAX EXEMPT STATUS

This corporation of one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and it is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, FOUNDATION, INC. or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific and civic purposes meeting the requirements for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Doe of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE V - QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

Members of this corporation shall be any person who is a member of the Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING RIGHTS

Each member is entitled to one vote at Corporation meetings.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the principal place of business is 4109 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971. The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 4109 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971, and the name of the initial registered agent at the address is OLIVER B. CONOVER.

ARTICLE VIII- INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator signing these articles is **OLIVER B. CONOVER** at 4109 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

ARTICLE IX - DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have four (4) Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors. The number of Directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time by the Bylaws but in no event shall be less than four (4). The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors of this corporation are:

NAME

ADDRESS

OLIVER B. CONOVER

4109 Lee Boulevard

Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971

RICHARD TURBEVILLE

516 Lake Avenue

Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936

ROSINA McDONALD

904 Lee Boulevard

Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936

FRED ELLIOTT

1400 Homestead Road North Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936

ARTICLE X - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501 (c)(3) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Any amendments to the bylaws of this corporation may be made at any regular or special meeting of the members by a notice of such amendment, stating the proposed change, shall have been give to those members at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the members is subject to this reservation. Amendments may be made at any regular or special business meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those directors present and voting, providing notice of such amendment stating the proposed change shall have been given to the directors at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

LEHIGH ACRES CHAMBER FOUNDATION, INC.

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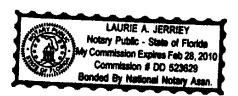
OLIVER B. CONOVER. Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEE

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared **OLIVER B. CONOVER**, known to be and known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Article of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the State and County last aforesaid, this 14^{++} day of 12^{++} , 2007.



NOTARY PUBLIC

Print Name: Laurie A. Jerrie

Commission No: DD 5 23624 Commission Expires: D2 2 8 2010

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ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper performance of my duties.

LEHIGH ACRES CHAMBER FOUNDATION, INC.

By:

OLIVER B. CONOVER, Registered Agent

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