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## 3<sup>co</sup> STEP RECOVERY TREATMENT GROUP, INC.



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January 14th, 2008

Department of State Division of Corporations Clifton Building 2661 Executive Center Circle Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Recovery Treatment Group, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madame:

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$87.50 for the filing fee, Certified Copy and Certificate of Status.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 954-733-3332.

Maria Freeman



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 Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida, do hereby certify:

First: The name of the Corporation shall be 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Recovery Treatment Group, Inc.

**Second:** The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is 547 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite #9, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

The mailing address of the Corporation is 547 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite #9, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

**Third:** Said Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Fourth: The manner in which Directors are elected or appointed is as provided for in the By-Laws.

Fifth: The name and Florida street address of the Registered Agent is Maria Freeman whose address is 547 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite #9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Certify that am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of registered agent.

Maria Freeman

Sixth: The name and address of the incorporator is Maria Freeman 547 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite#9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311.

Maria Freeman

**Seventh:** The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial officer(s) and/or director(s) of the corporation is/are as follows:

Johnnie Brown, Director 547 NW 9th Avenue, Suite #9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Maria Freeman, Director 547 NW 9th Avenue, Suite #9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Rick Lewis, Director 547 NW 9th Avenue, Suite #9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

**Eighth:** 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 Third 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.

Ninth: 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.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this day of January  $\underline{\mathcal{M}}$ , 2008.