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SUBJECT: ME & MY SISTERS, INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Douglas B. Wolk, Esq.  
Name (Printed or typed)

12221 Overseas Highway  
Address

Marathon, FL 33050  
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**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**Me & My Sisters, Inc.**  
**a Non-Profit Florida Corporation**  
*(Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.)*

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The undersigned has, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of Florida, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation.

1. **Name.** The name of this corporation is: **Me & My Sisters, Inc.**
2. **Tax-Exempt Status.** The tax exempt purposes of this corporation shall be to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property or both and, subject to the restrictions and limitations which are hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income from the principal of the fund or funds exclusively for charitable or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or any may hereafter be amended. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by organizations described in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
3. **Principal Office of Business.** The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is:  
  
Principal Office of Business: 105 Palm Avenue  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
  
Mailing Address: 182 Bayview Drive  
Islamorada, FL 33036
4. **Specific Purpose.** The specific purpose of the non-profit corporation is:

The purpose of this corporation shall be exclusively to engage in the prevention of cruelty to animals through the establishment and operation of a retail store and an adoption

center, both of which will be located in the Florida Keys. The profits of the retail store will be donated to other local charities which currently provide temporary or permanent homes, medical care, including surgery, for sick or homeless or abandoned cats and birds in the Florida Keys (Monroe County, Florida). In addition to operating a retail store, the corporation shall also be authorized to pursue educational programs concerning the proper care of cats, dogs and birds. The corporation shall also be empowered to accept donations in trust or otherwise, in the form of money and/or property to be used exclusively for the above stated purposes of the corporation. Provided however:

(a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting on or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by any organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

(c) Upon the dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

5. **Existence.** The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

6. **Board of Directors.** The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors of three (3) Directors, and by a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the persons holding such offices shall be elected or appointed at annual meetings of the Board of Directors. Annual meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each year in the manner established in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for qualifications of officers and director and their election, apportionment and tenure.

The following persons shall constitute the Board of Directors, until the first election thereof:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
MARGARET A. SCHWARTZ	182 Bayview Drive Islamorada, Florida 33036
ROSEMARY T. DUKE	234 Gulfview Islamorada, Florida 33036
MARY ANN MAHONEY	51 Woodview Lane Lemont, Illinois 60439

7. **A. Officers.** Until the first election or appointment of officers under these Articles of Incorporation the following persons shall serve in the capacities identified below to manage the affairs of the corporation:

<u>Name and Position</u>	<u>Address</u>
MARGARET A. SCHWARTZ President	182 Bayview Drive Islamorada, Florida 33036
ROSEMARY T. DUKE Secretary & Treasurer	234 Gulfview Islamorada, Florida 33036

**B. Incorporator.** The name and address of the incorporator is:

MARGARET A. SCHWARTZ, 105 Palm Avenue, Islamorada, Florida 33036

8. **Power and Authorization.** This Corporation shall have the power to:

a. make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds and other obligations and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises or income;

b. purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or in any interest therein, wherever situated;

c. acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patent, copyrights and trademarks and any licenses and other rights or interests thereunder or therein;

d. sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise

dispose of all or any part of its property and assets;

e. purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use, and deal in and with, shares and other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or any other government, state, territory, government district, municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof.

f. lend money for its corporate purposes; invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested; and,

g. have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida by law may now or hereafter have or exercise which do not violate the restrictions set forth in the Internal Revenue Code and regulations concerning 501(c)(3) organizations.

9. **Indemnification.** The corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether or not brought by or in the right of the corporation, brought to impose any liability or penalty of such person for an act or acts alleged to have been committed (including alleged omissions or failures to act) by such person, except as constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct, in the person's capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise on which he served as such at the request of the corporation, against judgments, fines, reasonable amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding, including any appeal thereof. The corporation may pay such expenses, including attorneys fees, in advance of the final disposition of any such action, suit or proceeding, upon a preliminary determination of the correctness of such person conduct as required by law and upon receipt of an undertaking satisfactory to the Board of Directors by or on behalf of such person to repay such amount, unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to indemnification by the corporation for such expense. The Board of Directors may authorize the purchase and maintenance of insurance to provide indemnification hereunder.

10. **Registered Agent.** This corporation appoints Richard E. Warner, Esq., who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Florida for at least three years, as its Registered Agent in and for the State of Florida. The complete name and address of the Registered Agent is:

Richard E. Warner, Esq.  
Law Offices of Richard E. Warner, P.A.  
12221 Overseas Highway  
Marathon, FL 33050

11. **Effective Date.** These Articles are to be effective as of the date of filing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my name as a Director, Member and the incorporator of Me & My Sisters, Inc. this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

Rosemary Duke  
Witness #1  
Printed name: Rosemary Duke

Margaret A. Schwartz  
MARGARET A. SCHWARTZ

Eloise Kerr  
Witness #2  
Printed name: ELOISE KERR

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF MONROE )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008, by MARGARET A. SCHWARTZ, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

My commission expires:  
7/20/2008



Douglas B. Wolk  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida

### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for Me & My Sisters, Inc., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, Richard E. Warner accepts such designation as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of Chapter 48 Fla. Stat. (2006) relative to keeping open such office and maintaining it as the registered office of the said corporation.

Date: April 28, 2008

  
RICHARD E. WARNER

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