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# **COVER LETTER**,

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

| SUBJECT: STEP IT U        | P RECOVERY CENTER, INC                     |  |   |
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| Enclosed is an original a | (PROPOSED CORPORAT                         |  |   |
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|                           | 1212 EAST HANCOCK DRIV                     | /E<br>idress                                       | -   |
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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purposes of forming a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby adopy the following articles of incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be STEP IT UP RECOVERY CENTER, INC., a not for profit corporation.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPLE ADDRESS

The principle street address and mailing address shall be 2738 SW District Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953-5830, but meetings of the Executive Committee members may be held at such places within or without the State of Florida, as may be designated from time to time.

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for charitable, educational, civic and social purposes pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act as set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes.

- A) Step It Up Recovery Center, Inc. is a licensed facility utilizing the Project Walk mark in Carlsbad, CA., established to provide, through an intense exercise-based recovery program, an improved quality of life for SCI (Spinal Cord Injury) clients. Those who attend our facility will receive exercise, education, support and encouragement through our certified trainers using the Project Walk Dardzinski Method™ of SCI recovery established in 1999.
- B) To operate as a referral and placement program for its clients.
- C) Operate as an organization of charity and to provide services and/or assistance for the public benefit.
- D) Promote services associated with SCI aspects of the organization.

## ARTICLE IV DURATION

This organization shall have duration of perpetual existence. The date and time of the commencement and existence for Step It Up Recovery Center, Inc. is when these Articles of Incorporation are received in the office of the Secretary of State.

# ARTICLE V DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Board of Directors" hereinafter referred to as the "Board", shall mean and refer to the current elected officers, its successors and assigns of the organization responsible for the management and operations.

Section 2. "Appointed Members" shall mean and refer to the officers and certified trainers on the organization's payroll at the time.

### ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall initially be four (4) directors on the Board of Directors for this corporation. They are:

- 1. Liza Riedel, 2738 SW District Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953-5830.
- 2. Kenneth A. Hoffmann, 1212 East Hancock Drive, Deltona, FL 32725-6428.
- 3. Johanna Van Casteren, 3322 Glenshane Way, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2820.
- 4. Amanda Perla, 2738 SW District Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953-5830

The Board of Directors shall meet annually and be elected at each annual meeting of the appointed members of the organization. At the initial meeting of the four (4) directors, it shall be determined the number of directors needed to execute the purposes and goals of the organization.

The Board shall determine the frequency of meetings at their initial meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL STOCK

This not for profit corporation shall have no authority to issue capital stock.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board and presented to the Appointed Members.

#### ARTICLE IX INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the Initial Registered Agent is Kenneth A. Hoffmann located at 1212 East Hancock Drive, Deltona, FL 32725-6428.

#### ARTICLE X INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is Kenneth A. Hoffmann located at 1212 East Hancock Drive, Deltona, FL 32725-6428.

# ARTICLE XI TAX EXEMPTION 501(c) 3 STATUS

This not for profit is organized exclusively for any lawful purpose to retain nonprofit status as set forth in the most current Internal Revenue Code, and to act and operate exclusively as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, its municipalities, county governments and the United States. The general purposes for which this not for profit is formed are to operate exclusively for charitable purposes which will quality it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No part of the revenues or assets of this not for profit organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to the Board, Appointed Members or any other person(s), except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for expenses rendered by individuals or businesses.

Objectives and Purposes have been stated in Article III.

#### ARTICLE XII OFFICERS

The officers elected at the annual meeting each year to serve for the ensuring year shall manage the legal affairs of the corporation. The officers of the corporation shall serve until their respective successors in office shall be elected and duly qualified.

The initial officers of the corporations shall be as follows:

President/Treasurer-- Liza Riedel, 2738 SW District Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953-5830.

Vice President------ Kenneth A. Hoffmann, 1212 East Hancock Drive, Deltona, FL 32725-6428.

Secretary------ Amanda Perla, 2738 SW District Avenue, Port St.

Lucie, FL 34953-5830

#### ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION

Section 1: Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, as the Board shall determine.

Section 2: Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, to such organization operating exclusively for such purpose.

|   | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I Kenneth A. Hoffmann, the undersigned for STEP IT UP RECOVERY CENTER, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, have executed these Articles of Incorporation in duplicate thisday of, 2008, and say:  |
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|   | That I am the initial Incorporator of this organization for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida; that I have read the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation, know the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of our knowledge and belief, excepting as to matters herein alleged upon information and belief as to those matter we believe to be true, therefore, adopt the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. |
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| ŧ | Kenneth A. Hoffmann   |
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|   | STATE OF FLORIDA  |
|   | COUNTY OF VOLUSIA 声流  |
|   | Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on this   |
|   | Notary Public State of Florida Salvatore C Giaccone My Commission DD465762 Expires 08/25/2009  Notary Public - STATE OF FLORIDA   |
| • | Produced Identification or is known to me.  Type of identification produced: Florida Driver's License—H155-501-37-370-0   |
|   | In Compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:  |
|   | That STEP IT UP RECOVERY CENTER, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of Florida, with its principal place of business in the City of Port St. Lucie in St. Lucie County, State of Florida has named Kenneth A. Hoffmann located at 1212 East Hancock Drive, Deltona, FL 32725 as the Incorporator of this corporation.  |
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| / | Vancti A Soffman 7/11/08  |
|   | Signature of Incorporator Date  |
|   | Kenneth A. Hoffmann   |
|   | Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby certify, and further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.   |
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| / | Jameth A Shaffiren 7/11/08  |
|   | Signature of Initial Registered Agent Date  |
|   | Kenneth A. Hoffmann   |