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Re: Incorporation of  
Lilly's Project of Lee County, Inc.

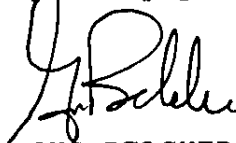
Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the original and two copies of the Articles of Incorporation for Lilly's Project of Lee County, Inc., for filing. Also enclosed is my check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the \$35.00 filing fee and \$35.00 Registered Agent Fee. I do not desire a certified copy of the Articles.

After the Articles have been filed, please return to me a copy stamped with the date of filing on same. I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



W. GUS BELCHER, II

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# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

## **LILLY'S PROJECT OF LEE COUNTY, INC.**

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The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, makes and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **NAME**

The name of the corporation is LILLY'S PROJECT OF LEE COUNTY, INC.

### **ARTICLE 2**

#### **ADDRESS**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation is: 13305 Broadhurst Loop, Fort Myers, Florida 33919. The mailing address of the corporation is: Post Office Box 3071, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33932.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 13305 Broadhurst Loop, Fort Myers, Florida 33919. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is NORA LYNNE SEARS.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### **NO MEMBERS**

The corporation shall not have members and shall not issue membership certificates. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

##### **NOT FOR PROFIT**

The corporation is a not for profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A., Section 501(c)(3) (referred to below as "code"). If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A., Section 501(c)(3).

#### **ARTICLE 6**

##### **DURATION**

The duration (term) of the corporation is perpetual.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, including but not limited to keeping pets and owners together.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **POWERS**

Solely for the above purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

(A) To defray the cost of food and medical treatment in all situations where lack of monetary assistance would result in the separation of owner from pet.

(B) To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on nonprofit corporations, including, but not limited to, those set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and the following powers: to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, grant, donation, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of the property and the income, principal and proceeds of the property.

C) To engage in and transact any other lawful activity, solely in furtherance of the above purposes, for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and any successor or amendment to the Act.

D) To do any other things as are incidental to the powers of the corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

##### **IMMUNITY STATUS**

It is intended that the corporation shall qualify as a cultural or educational institution within the United States under 22 U.S.C.A., Section 2459 ("Immunity from seizure under judicial process of cultural objects imported for temporary exhibition or display"). This qualification shall not interfere with the corporation's tax exempt status.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

##### **LIMITATION**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable to its members (if the corporation ever has any), directors or officers, but 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 7 (Purposes) of these Articles.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation 26 U.S.C.A., Section 501(a) as an organization described in 26 U.S.C.A., Section 501(c)(3) and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 U.S.C.A., Section 509. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 U.S.C.A., Section 501(c)(3). All references in these articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **DISSOLUTION**

On the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment

of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes in such manner and to such qualified organization or organizations as the board of directors shall determine. Any of the assets not so distributed shall be distributed in accordance with the direction of any court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the above purposes of the corporation or to a qualified organization or organizations as the court shall determine. For purposes of this article, an organization is a "qualified organization" only if, at the time of receiving the assets, it is operated exclusively for the purposes described in 26 U.S.C.A., Section 170(c)(1) or 26 U.S.C.A., Section 170(c)(2)(B) and is described in 26 U.S.C.A., Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3).

### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

There shall be a board of directors consisting of at least three (3) individuals. The initial directors are elected by the incorporators. After that, each director shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors in the manner and at the times set forth in the by-laws. Any director may be removed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors.



## **ARTICLE 14**

### **OFFICERS**

The officers of the corporation may consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and any other officers and assistant officers as may be provided for in the by-laws or by resolution of the board of directors. Each officer shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors (and may be removed by majority vote of the board of directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws or by law.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Nora Lynne Sears	13305 Broadhurst Loop Fort Myers, Florida 33919

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **BY-LAWS**

The by-laws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the board of directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the board of directors.

**ARTICLE 17**

**AMENDMENT**

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them.

**ARTICLE 18**

**INDEMNIFICATION AND CIVIL LIABILITY IMMUNITY**

The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

**ARTICLE 19**

**COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

In, witness, the undersigned incorporator has signed these Articles of Incorporation on August 28, 2008.

  
NORA LYNNE SEARS

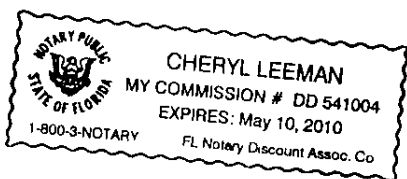
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, this day personally appeared NORA LYNNE SEARS, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and who did take an oath, and who has acknowledged before me that she has read and executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

My commission expires:

Cheryl Leeman  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Name: Cheryl Leeman



**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AND  
ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Fla. Stat., the undersigned corporation organized under the not-for-profit corporation laws of the State of Florida submits the following statement in designating the registered office and registered agent of the corporation in the State of Florida.

1. Name of the corporation:

LILLY'S PROJECT OF LEE COUNTY, INC.

2. Name and address of the registered agent and office:

NORA LYNNE SEARS  
13305 Broadhurst Loop  
Fort Myers, Florida 33919

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I, the undersigned person, having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this statement, hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated: August 28, 2008.

  
NORA LYNNE SEARS