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SUBJECT: Life DS _ / MC . PPOSED CORPORATE NAME - <u>MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX</u>)

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

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: JEANNIE F. ANDORSON Name (Printed or typed) GOON, HIGHWALS 17-92, Ste. 168 Address LONGWOD, FL 32750 City, State & Zip

<u>37-4410</u> Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Articles of Incorporation of

LifeSigns, Inc.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of this corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby forms a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE I - NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation shall be LIFESIGNS, INC.

ARTICLE II – ADDRESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION

The address of the principal office and mailing address of the corporation is 600 N. Highway 17-92, Suite 168, Longwood, FL 32750.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND POWERS OF THE CORPORATION

A. The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes, including, for all such purposes, making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or such corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter referred to as the "Code"). To the extent consistent with the preceding sentence and permissible under Florida law, the purposes of this corporation shall include, but shall not be limited to, improving the quality of life for women by providing them with the tools, resources, and guidance in order to empower them to not only enrich their own lives, but to serve as an enrichment to their society.

B. This corporation shall be authorized to carry out any and all acts and to exercise any and all corporate powers which may now or hereafter be lawful under the laws of the State of Florida to the extent applicable to corporations not for profit and that are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation.

C. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply:

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article III.

2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distributing statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 17(c)(2) of the Code.

4. If the corporation is, or shall ever be classified as a "private foundation", as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code, the following provisions shall apply for so long as it remains a private foundation:

(i) The corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code.

(ii) The corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code.

(iii) The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code.

(iv) The corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code.

(v) The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be elected as provided in the By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall at all times consist of at least three (3) persons. The name and address of the initial directors and officers of this corporation are as follows:

Name	<u>Address</u>	Office
J. Thomas Hoisington	1736 Cinnamon Circle Casselberry, FL 32707	Chair/Director 08
Janine Heydrick	612 Deer Run Court Casselberry, FL 32707	Secretary/Director
Kate Holgate	2055 Grove Street Sarasota, FL 34239- 4620	Treasurer/Director

ARTICLE V – INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

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The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 600 N. Highway 17-92, Suite 168, Longwood, FL 32750, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is JEANNIE F. ANDERSON. The Board of Directors may from time to time designate a new registered office and registered agent.

ARTICLE VI - CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

PURPOSE: The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's <u>LifeSigns, Inc.</u> interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

DEFINITIONS:

<u>Interested Person</u>: Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

<u>Financial Interest</u>: A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Procedures:

- <u>Duty to Disclose</u>: In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists: After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest:

- An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

- <u>Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy</u>
 - If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
 - If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.
- <u>Records of Proceedings</u>: The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:
 - The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
 - The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

<u>Compensation</u>

- A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.
- <u>Annual Statements</u>: Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:
 - o Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
 - o Has read and understands the policy,
 - Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
 - Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of tax-exempt purposes.

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- <u>Periodic Reviews</u>: To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:
 - Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
 - Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.
- <u>Use of Outside Experts</u>: When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATION

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

Name Jeannie F. Anderson Address 600 N. Highway 17-92; Suite 168 Longwood, FL 32750

ARTICLE VIII - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, after the payment or provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of this corporation, all of the assets of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the 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 the Circuit Court 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 no event, however, may the assets to be disposed of be distributed to or for the benefit of any member, director, trustee, officer or other private person, other than as reasonable payment for services rendered by such person.

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ARTICLE X - INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation at Casselberry, Florida on this $\underline{\mathscr{A}}_{\underline{\mathscr{A}}}$ day of $\underline{\mathscr{A}}_{\underline{\mathscr{A}}}$, 2008.

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process at the place designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept such designation and agree to act in such capacity and comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties as registered agent, including the provisions of Section 48.091 of the Florida Statutes. I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.0505 of the Florida Statutes

Jeannie F. Anderson

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