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# Articles of Incorporation of Supporting Independent Young Adults, Inc.

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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, Chapter 617, Florida Statute, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### ARTICLE I - Name

The name of the corporation shall be Supporting Independent Young Adults, Inc.

# ARTICLE II - Principal Office

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is 2230 Flora Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, Lee County.

## ARTICLE III - Purpose

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes of providing transitional housing for at-risk young adults while providing education and a support system to transition the young adult to full independence. This includes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, for the above purpose.

#### ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

The method of selection of the directors of the corporation shall be stated in the bylaws.

### ARTICLE V – Registered Agent

The registered agent of the corporation is John Sommer, 2230 Flora Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33907.

## ARTICLE VI – Incorporators

The incorporators of the corporation are Jane Bell, 4904 Bygone Street, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971, and Jan Sommer, 2230 Flora Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33907.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Activities and Restrictions**

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 III 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, 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No director shall be personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent that exculpation from liability is not permitted under Florida law. The corporation shall have and may exercise, to the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, and as provided in the bylaws as in effect from time to time, the power to indemnify its officers, directors, employees and agents, and persons acting at the request of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII – Dissolution

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.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

John Sommer, Registered Agent

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Date

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Jane Bell, Incorporator

Date