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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF PUNTA GORDA POWERHOUSE, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a Not for Profit corporation in compliance with Chapter 617, of the Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

## **ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of the corporation is: PUNTA GORDA POWERHOUSE, INC.

## **ARTICLE II - Principal Office**

The address of the principal office of the corporation and the corporation's mailing address are 110 Sullivan Street, Suite #111, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

### **ARTICLE III - Purpose**

The organization is to promote a business network organization that provides a structured environment for the development and exchange of quality business referrals.

## **ARTICLE IV - Prohibitions**

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 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 by the corporation exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## ARTICLE V - Powers, Manner of Election and Initial Directors/Officers

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of not less than three (3) individual members of the corporation and they shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the corporation, the number of directors and the time and place of the election of directors are to be fixed and established by the Bylaws of the corporation from time to time. The Board of Directors annually shall elect from among the membership of said Board, a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as shall be established and

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provided for in the Bylaws.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, adopt, alter, amend and rescind the Bylaws of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors of this corporation shall also have the power to adopt amendments to these Articles of Incorporation by a majority vote of the directors then in office subject, however, to the statutory requirement for approval by and filing with the Secretary of the State for the State of Florida.

The name and address of the initial board of directors and officers are as follows:

#### Board of Directors:

Gregg Brown – 17402 Brighton Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33954 Kelly Gaylord – 320 Palm Isles Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 Sherry Olmsted – 3417 Tamiami Trail, Suite C, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

#### Officers:

President - Gregg Brown - 17402 Brighton Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33954

Vice President - Kelly Gaylord - 320 Palm Isles Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Secretary/Treasurer - Sherry Olmsted - 3417 Tamiami Trail, Suite C, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

#### ARTICLE VI - Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and Florida address of the initial registered agent is Ariana R. Fileman, whose currently mailing address is 110 Sullivan Street, Suite #111, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

#### ARTICLE VII - Term of Corporation

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual or until the corporation shall be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of law.

## ARTICLE VIII - Distribution upon Dissolution of Corporation

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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.

## **ARTICLE IX - Incorporators**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Ariana R. Fileman - 110 Sullivan Street, Suite #111, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.

Ariana R. Fileman, Incorporator

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## ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I, Ariana R. Fileman, being familiar with the obligations of the position, hereby accept my appointment as registered agent and the obligations thereof for the corporation named above at the office specified in these Articles of Incorporation.

Ariana R. Fileman

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