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SUBJECT: VETERANS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

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VETERANS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC. JUN -3

The undersigned subscriber to theses Articles of Incorporation is a natural person, competent to contract and hereby form a Non-profit Corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statues.

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Corporation is **VETERANS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.** (Hereafter "Corporation)

#### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE OF CORPORATION

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religion, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

Additionally, the Corporation mission is:

- 1. To provide safe, secure transitional housing to Homeless Veterans, male and female, in Transitional Programs that supports their physical, mental and emotional stability;
- 2. To provide safe, secure, affordable housing for Veterans and their Families; with attention to the families of National Guard Members who are currently deployed;
- 3. To provide a network of information and support for Veterans, including: medical, dental, eye and emotional care; gather necessary living essentials such as furniture, appliances, and clothing; and provide omnibus liaison with the Veterans Administration and other governmental agencies;
- 4. To secure and provide adequate food for each Veteran, or family who is in need;
- 5. To act as a model for Veteran Communities, encouraging others to provide low cost, safe housing for Veterans;
- 6. To encourage Community Members to actively participate in the process of outreach to the Veteran Community in the areas of education and support;

- 7. To encourage a sense of Community in each of our developments;
- 8. To provide activities that utilizes the extensive skill of our Veterans Community Members in the way of volunteer services, either at Veterans Administration Facilities or in the community at large.

#### **ARTICLE III - PROHIBITIONS**

No part of new earrings of the Corporation shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its Member, Directors, Officers or other persons; except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments an distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

The Corporation must restrict its lobbying activities to an insubstantial part of its total activities.

Not withstanding 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 corresponding section of any future Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the correspond section of any future Tax Code or (b) by a Corporation, contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Tax Code.

#### **ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS**

The Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the Member of this Corporation. The Directors of the Corporation shall be:

Patricia Brayers, PhD
William Bush
Gloria N. Johnson
John P. Lasky
James E. Perrone
Roy R. Tomasello
Linda Weburg, EA

#### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

James E. Perrone, President, Pro Tem Gloria N. Johnson, Vice President, Pro Tem Roy R. Tomasello, Secretary, Pro Tem William Bush, Treasurer, Pro Tem

#### **ARTICLE VI - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of this Corporation is 10747 109<sup>th</sup> Street, Largo, Florida, 33778. The mailing address is Post Office Box 3698, Bay Pines, Florida, 33744-3698.

#### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

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

James E. Perrone, 10747 109th Street, Largo, Florida 33778

#### ARTICLE VIII - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE IX - CAPITAL STOCK

This Corporation shall have no capital stock and shall be composed of members other than shareholders.

#### ARTICLE X - QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The categories of membership, qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be set forth in and regulated by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XI - VOTING RIGHTS

Members of the Corporation will have such voting rights as are provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XII - LIABILITY FOR DEBTS

Neither the Members nor the Members of the Board of Directors or Officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

#### <u>ARTICLE XIII - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT</u>

The initial address of registered office of this Corporation is 10747 109<sup>th</sup> Street, Largo, Florida, 33778.

The name and address of the registered agent for this Corporation is James E. Perrone, 10747 109<sup>th</sup> Street, Largo, Florida, 33778.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary State of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the Members, and approved at a Members meeting by a majority of the Members, unless all the Directors and all the Member signs a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment to the Article of Incorporation be made.

#### <u>ARTICLE XVI - DISSOLUTION</u>

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt proposes within the means 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 public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and filed the forgoing Articles of Incorporation under the Laws of the State of Florida this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2011.

James E. Perrone, Incorporator

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### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

I, James E. Perrone, accept the designation of Registered Agent for the Corporation at the address as noted in the Articles, and am familiar with the obligations of the position of Registered Agent under the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes.

James E. Perrone, Incorporator