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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

SOUTH MANATEE BUSINESS COALITION, INC.

(In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit))

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation shall be SOUTH MANATEE BUSINESS COALITION, INC.

ARTICLE II. MAILING ADDRESS & PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The mailing address of the corporation is 7216 21st Street East, Sarasota, FL 34243. The principal splace of business of the corporation is 7216 21st Street East, Sarasota, FL 34243.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

This corporation is organized and shall be administered and operated exclusively to receive, administer, and expend funds to promote and represent the common business interests of and improve the business conditions among, members of the Southern Manatee County business community, as may be more specifically set forth in the bylaws of the corporation, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

In order to accomplish the foregoing purposes, and for other purpose or purpose corporation shall also have the power to:

- (a) sue and be sued;
- (b) make contracts;
- (c) convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust of otherwise dispose of all property, real and personal;

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- (d) borrow money, contract debts and issue bonds, notes, and debentures, and secure the payment of its obligations; and
- (e) do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation; provided, however, that this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the corporation shall be as determined by the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. TERMS OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V. INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent, and any former officer, director, employee or agent, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of no less than three directors. The board of directors shall be elected or appointed as provided in the bylaws. The initial directors of this corporation shall be Gregg Anderson, Dean Crowley, Troy Knutson, Rachel Harrison, Keith Banasiak and Bob Fowinkle. The board of directors shall have the requisite power and authority which customarily vested in corporate directors over the business and affairs of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII. COMPENSATION

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors or officers, or any individual, but the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to

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pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. Norwithstanding any other provisions of these articles of incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from taxation under the Code.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These articles of incorporation may be amended as provided for in the bylaws; provided, however, that these articles of incorporation shall not be amended to permit the corporation to engage in any activity which would disqualify the corporation from tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation by distributing those assets either to an organization which is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(6) of the Code, or for charitable purposes in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or scientific purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as the board of directors shall determine.

ARTICLE X. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and address of this corporation's initial registered office shall be Mark F. Dahle, Jr., Esq., 6320 Venture Drive, Suite 104, Bradenton, Florida, 34202.

ARTICLE XI. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's incorporator is Mark F. Dahle, Jr., Esq., 6320 Venture Drive, Suite 104, Bradenton, Florida 34202.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on

day of September 2011.

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of SOUTH MANATEE BUSINESS COALITION, INC. which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. I hereby state that I am familiar with and accept the duties, obligations and presponsibilities as Registered Agent for said corporation.

DATED this 19 day of September 2011.

Mark F. Dahle, Jr., Registered Agent



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