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Re: 10-78 Trust, Inc.

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed for filing are the Articles of Incorporation of 10-78 Trust, Inc., as well as my firm's check number 1249 in the amount of \$78.75 (which includes certified copy fee).

Thank you for allowing me to assist you with your estate planning needs. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

H. Adam Airth, Jr.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF 10-78 TRUST, INC.

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**ARTICLE I** 

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These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a Florida not for profit corporation on a non-stock basis under the provision of the Florida not for profit corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE II: NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this Corporation is the 10-78 TRUST, INC. Its principal office address is 3354 Sivermoon Drive, Plant City, Florida 33566. Its principal mailing address is P.O. Box 7065, Lakeland, Florida 33807.

#### ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

The general purposes for which this Corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Tax Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this organization shall not carry on any 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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Tax Code, or
- (b) by a corporation whose contributors are entitled to deduct their contribution under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Tax Code.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable

to its members, directors, 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 herein. No material part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. 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.

More specifically, the purposes and objectives of this Corporation are to provide financial and other assistance (i) to individuals who have been seriously injured in the line of duty while serving as police officers, firemen, emergency medical services, or in the United States military or other similar local, state or federal defense, public safety or law enforcement agencies ("Eligible Persons"), (ii) to the immediate families (spouses and minor children) of Eligible Persons who have been seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, and (iii) public charities (exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Tax Code) whose primary mission and focus are the care and assistance of Eligible Persons who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty and the immediate families (spouses and minor children) of such Eligible Persons.

#### **ARTICLE IV: POWERS**

The Corporation shall have the power to:

- (a) hold assets in its name;
- (b) sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings to the same extent as a natural person;

- (c) adopt and use a corporate seal and alter the same; provided, however, that such seal shall always contain the words "not for profit corporation";
  - (d) elect or appoint such directors, officers and agents as its affairs shall require;
- (e) adopt, change or amend its by-laws in any manner not inconsistent with applicable law, these Articles of Incorporation or its status as a charitable entity for federal income tax purposes;
- (f) increase or decrease, by a vote of its Members, in the manner described in the bylaws, the number of its directors so long as the number of serving directors shall not be less than three (3) but may be any number in excess thereof;
- (g) enter into contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the officers or the directors of the Corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its assets, franchises, or income;
- (h) conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, have offices and exercise the powers granted by this chapter in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country;
- (i) purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, manage, improve, use, transfer, sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, exchange, dispose or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated;
- (j) acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses and other rights or interests thereunder or therein;
  - (k) make donations, contributions or expenditures for the public welfare, religious,

charitable, scientific, education, or other similar purposes; and

(l) have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized.

#### ARTICLE V: PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Corporation shall not:

- (a) engage in any act of "self-dealing" as defined in I.R.C. §4941(d), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4941(a);
- (b) retain any "excess business holdings", as defined in I.R.C. §4943(c), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4943(a);
- (c) make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of I.R.C. §4944, so as to give rise to any liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4944(a); or
- (d) make any "taxable expenditures," as defined in I.R.C. §4945(d), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4945(a).

Further, during any period this Corporation is a "private foundation" as defined in I.R.C. §509 (a), the Corporation shall annually distribute amounts at least sufficient to avoid liability for tax imposed by I.R.C. §4942(a). Such distributions shall for the purposes specified in these Articles of Incorporation and the Corporation's by-laws.

#### ARTICLE VI: SCOPE OF OPERATIONS

The territory in which the operations of the Corporation are principally to be conducted is the United States of America and its possessions.

### ARTICLE VII: COMPENSATION AND DISTRIBUTION

#### OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

No officer or member of the Board of Directors of this Corporation shall receive any compensation for their services; provided, however, that they may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred on behalf of this Corporation, if such reimbursement is authorized by the Board of Directors.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt entities within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future United States Tax Code, that has as its or their primary purpose and mission the same purpose and mission described in Article III above. 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 such court shall determine in accordance with the foregoing guidelines.

#### ARTICLE VIII: PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENT AGENT

The location of the business office of the Corporation is in Lakeland, Polk County, Florida.

The name and address of its initial Resident Agent in Florida is H. Adam Airth, Jr., located at 500 South Florida Avenue, Ste. 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801.

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

H. Adam Airth, Jr. Registered Agent 12 JAN -9 PM 1: 17

#### ARTICLE IX: INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is H. Adam Airth, Jr., 500 S. Florida Ave., Ste. 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801. The incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation hereby assigns to this Corporation and its initial Board of Directors any and all of his rights to constitute a corporation.

#### **ARTICLE X: OFFICERS**

- (a) The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws adopted by the Corporation and as amended from time to time.
- (b) The officers shall be elected as provided for in the by-laws adopted by the Corporation and as amended from time to time.
- (c) The names and addresses of those individuals who shall serve as the initial officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Corporation are as follows:

James A. Clark

President

3354 Silvermoon Drive Plant City, Florida 33830

Matthew J. Antos

Treasurer

P.O. Box 7065

Lakeland, Florida 33807

Craig Stolzman

Secretary

910 South Dudley Avenue

Bartow, Florida 33830

#### ARTICLE XI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by the officers subject to the review and approval of the Board of Directors. This Corporation shall initially have four (4)

directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the by-laws, but shall never be less than three (3).

- (a) Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the by-laws.
- (b) The names and addresses of those individuals who shall serve as the initial members of the Board of Directors until the first meeting of the Corporation are as follows:

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3354 Silvermoon Drive

Plant City, Florida 33566

Matthew J. Antos

P.O. Box 7065

Lakeland, Florida 33807

Craig Stolzman

910 S. Dudley Avenue

Bartow, Florida 33830

Scott Peters

28929 Burke Mill Place

Wesley Chapel, Florida 33545-4356

Kevin Roberts

4222 Meadowbend Court

Lakeland, Florida 33811

Michael Dunn

819 North Florida Avenue

Lakeland, Florida 33801

Roy D. Palmer

7724 Shoupe Road

Plant City, Florida 33565

#### ARTICLE XII: BY-LAWS

- (a) The Corporation will be subject to the restrictions and requirements of these Articles of Incorporation and such by-laws for the conduct of its business and carrying out of its purposes as adopted or amended from time to time.
  - (b) The by-laws may be amended as set forth in such by-laws.

#### ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with Florida law in effect at the time an amendment is desired; provided, however, that the then serving members of the Board of Directors must unanimously approve any such amendment.

#### ARTICLE XIV: EXISTENCE

This Corporation is to exist perpetually beginning with the execution of these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, H. Adam Airth, Jr., the undersigned subscribing incorporator have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, for the purpose of forming this not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

H. Adam Airth, Jr., Incorporator

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