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**Subject: FINDING THE CURE FOR DM FOUNDATION, INC.**

Enclosed is an original and (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for: \$87.50, for Filing Fee, Certified Copy and Certificate.

William Messner  
2134 Chrysler Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34234  
(941) 526-8836  
Primary: [helping-to-find-the-cure @finding-the-cure-for-dm-foundation.org](mailto:helping-to-find-the-cure@finding-the-cure-for-dm-foundation.org)  
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

**Article I - Name:** The name of the Corporation shall be:

**Finding the Cure for DM Foundation, Inc.**

**Article II - Principal Office:** The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at:

**2134 Chrysler Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34234.**

**Article III - Purpose:** The purpose of Finding the Cure for DM Foundation, Inc. is:

1. To build the public awareness of the disease, Degenerative Myelopathy (DM)
2. To educate the public of the disease, Degenerative Myelopathy (DM)
3. To raise funds to help support current and future research into finding a cure.

Finding the Cure for DM Foundation, Inc. will endeavor to maximize the percentage of its operating budget, which directly benefits research funding to organizations involved in research of the disease.

Fundraising to support this will be achieved through solicitation and acceptance of contributions from individuals, businesses and other methods or events as the Board of Directors of the Organization desire to utilize.

## **Our Mission**

To Ultimately Find the Cure for Degenerative Myelopathy (DM).

To Raise Awareness to the Public, Veterinary fields, and Canine organizations throughout the world, in all sectors, about the existence of this all too unknown, fatal disease.

To Educate all those associated in any way with DM that are willing to open their hearts and minds, to learn about this disease: It's statistics, studies, organizations, symptoms, care, and anything possible, where it relates to Degenerative Myelopathy.

To Support the organizations that are Researching and supporting research to find a cure. And we are here as a resource for YOU, if you are battling this disease with your beloved companion, or are otherwise interested in learning more about DM.

**Article IV- Election of Board of Directors:**

1. Election of new directors will occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the corporation. Directors will be elected by a majority vote of the current directors.
2. All Board members shall serve unlimited year terms.

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**Article V - Board of Directors:**

William Messner – President and Treasurer  
2134 Chrysler Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34234  
(941) 526-8836

Patti Tyler Parks – Executive Vice President  
1830 Slippery Rock Road  
Owenton, KY 40359  
(502) 682-9085

Gayle Patton-Cartwright – Vice President  
914 Lee Ora Street  
Albus, OK 73521  
(580) 366-3090

Mindy Shepler – Vice President  
1255 Conewago Creek Road  
Manchester, PA 17345  
(717) 384-8190

Cindy E. Fink – Administrative Coordinator (Secretary)  
2901 Arnold Road  
Hampton, NC 27020  
(336) 468-7030

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**Article VII - Operation as a Tax Exempt Organization**

1. The Organization will operate as an organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. The Organization will neither have nor exercise any power, nor will it engage directly or indirectly in any activity, that would invalidate its status as a tax-exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
3. No director, officer, employee, or agent of the Organization is permitted to take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the Organization, which is not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
4. No part of the net earnings of the Organization may inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director, officer, employee, or agent of the Organization.

**Article VIII - Dissolution**

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 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 disposed shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in which the principal office of the Organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organizations, as the Court of Competent Jurisdiction shall determine, which is operated exclusively for such purposes.

**Article IX - Registered Agent**

William Messner  
2134 Chrysler Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34234

**Article X - Incorporator**

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2134 Chrysler Avenue  
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***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***

  
Registered Agent

10/3/2013  
Date

William A Messner

***I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.***

  
Incorporator

10/3/2013  
Date

William A Messner