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July 25, 2014

Via Fax

Department of State Division of Corporations Clifton Building 2661 Executive Center Circle Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Operation Lotus, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing is Operation Lotus, Inc.'s Articles of Incorporation. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$70.00 for the filing fees.

I enclose a copy of same to be time-stamped and returned, along with the receipt for payment, in the enclosed, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

M. Eller

**Enclosures** 

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### OF

#### **OPERATION LOTUS, INC.**

In compliance with the requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, the undersigned serves as incorporator for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit and does hereby certify:

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is Operation Lotus, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

# **ARTICLE II**

## PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION

The principal office of this corporation shall be 16112 Loneoak View Drive, Lithia, FL 33547.

#### ARTICLE III

#### REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 16112 Loneoak View Drive, Lithia, FL 33547. The name of the initial registered agent at the address is Melanie Brockmeier.

#### <u>ARTICLE IV</u>

## PURPOSES AND POWERS OF THE CORPORATION

This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are:

(1) Exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws governing the distributions to organizations qualified as tax-exempt; and

(2) Except as limited by the Article of Incorporation and the Bylaws, the Corporation will have and exercise all rights and powers in furtherance of its purposes as are or may hereafter be conferred on not-for-profit corporations pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statues, and in accordance with other applicable law.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

# ARTICLE V

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

This Corporation shall not have members.

# **ARTICLE VI**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The method of election or appointment of the Board of Directors shall be fixed and governed by the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- B. The names and the addresses of the initial directors are:

Melanie Brockmeier 16112 Loneoak View Drive

Lithia, FL 33547

Melanie Davis Morrison 6744 Monarch Park Dr.

Apollo Beach, FL 33572

Carolyn Walden 22525 Southshore Drive

Land O Lakes, FL 34639

Dr. Dennis Michael 5900 Shore Blvd S Apt 201 Gulfport,

FL 33707

Heather Trkovsky 5915 Beaconpark St.

Lithia, FL 33547

Mallory J. Williams 8100 Country Club Rd North

#### St Petersburg, FL 33710

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **DISSOLUTION**

A majority of the Board of Directors may authorize dissolution of the Corporation. After dissolution is authorized, the Corporation must file articles of dissolution, in compliance with Section 617.1403, Florida Statues, with the Department of State.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to a not-for-profit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and that has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII

### **DURATION**

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **AMENDMENTS**

A majority vote of the Board of Directors may amend the Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE X

#### **BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted by the incorporator on behalf of the Corporation and may be altered, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Melanie Brockmeier 16112 Loneoak View Drive Lithia, FL 33547

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this Corporation, executed these Articles of Incorporation this 40 day of July, 2014.

Melanie Brockmeier, Incorporator

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

That Operation Lotus, Inc., desiring to organize under the law of the State of Florida with its initial principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at 16112 Loneoak View Drive, City of Lithia, State of Florida has named Melanie Brockmeier, whose address is 16112 Loneoak View Drive, City of Lithia, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT: (MUST BE SIGNED BY DESIGNATED AGENT)

Having been named to accept service of process for the corporation named above, at the place designated in this certificate, I agree to act in that capacity and to comply with the provisions of the Florida Not for Profit Business Corporation Act relative to keeping open the registered office.

Melanie Brockmeier, Registered Agent

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