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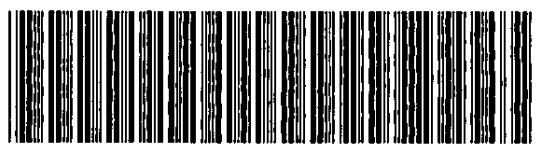
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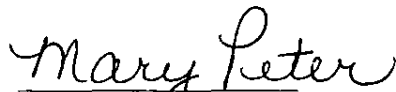
Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Dear Secretary of State:

Enclosed find one original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.

Also find enclosed a check made payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$78.75 which includes the statutory filing fee. Your assistance in establishing the corporation to be known as K-9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. is appreciated.

Respectfully,

  
President



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

September 8, 2014

MARY PETERS  
1514 AUTUMN ROAD  
SPRING HILL, FL 34608

SUBJECT: K9 PARTNERS FOR PATRIOTS, INC.  
Ref. Number: W14000054566

We have received your document for K9 PARTNERS FOR PATRIOTS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Valerie Herring  
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A Florida Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation

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**ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I  
K9 PARTNERS FOR PATRIOTS, INC.**

**1.01 Name**

The name of this corporation shall be K9 PARTNERS FOR PATRIOTS, INC.

**ARTICLE II  
DURATION**

**2.01 Duration**

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSE**

**3.01 Purpose**

K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. Further, the corporation is organized to give Veterans and active military a second chance at life by honoring and empowering those with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) through the experience of training and caring for a service dog to call their own at no cost to the Veteran or active military individual.

**3.02 Public Benefit**

K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. is designated as a public benefit corporation.

**ARTICLE IV  
NON-PROFIT NATURE**

**4.01 Non-profit Nature**

K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt

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organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 in the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

#### **4.02 Personal Liability**

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

#### **4.03 Dissolution**

Upon termination or dissolution of the K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of the K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the managing body of the K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against the K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. by one (1) or more of its managing body which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonably indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed, giving preference if practicable to organizations located within the State of Florida.

In the event that the court shall find that this section is applicable but that there is no qualifying organization known to it which has a charitable purpose, which, at least generally, includes a

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purpose similar to this corporation, then the court shall direct the distribution of its assets lawfully available for distribution to the Treasurer of the State of Florida to be added to the general fund.

#### **4.04 Prohibited Distributions**

No part of the net earnings or properties of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, 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 in Article III, Section 3.01.

#### **4.05 Restricted Activities**

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### **4.06 Prohibited Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (I) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (II) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### **ARTICLE V** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **5.01 Governance**

K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. shall be governed by its board of directors.

#### **5.02 Initial Directors**

The initial directors of the corporation shall be Mary Peter, Bob White, Kevin Coogan and Jeanne White.

#### **5.03 Method of Election**

All Directors shall be elected at the annual business meeting. They shall serve a one-year term. The term of office shall begin January 1<sup>st</sup> and end December 31<sup>st</sup>. All elections and/or vacancies of Directors shall follow the procedures as stated in the bylaws of K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.

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## **ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP**

### **6.01 Membership**

K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS**

### **7.01 Amendments**

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION**

### **8.01 Corporate Address**

The address of the corporation is:

K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.  
1514 Autumn Road  
Spring Hill, Florida 34608

The mailing address of the corporation is:

K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.  
PO Box 3909  
Spring Hill, Florida 34611

## **ARTICLE IX APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT**

### **9.01 Registered Agent**

The registered agent of the corporation shall be:

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Mary Peter  
1514 Autumn Road, Spring Hill, FL 34608

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**ARTICLE X**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The incorporators of the corporation are as follow:

Mary Peter  
1514 Autumn Road  
Spring Hill, FL 34608

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above stated Articles of Incorporation of K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. were approved by the board of directors on 09-04-2014 and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of the K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.

Mary Peter

Mary Peter

1514 Autumn Road, Spring Hill, FL 34608

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSENT**  
**TO APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I, Mary Peter, agree to be the registered agent for K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. as appointed herein.

Mary Peter  
Mary Peter, Registered Agent

Date: 9/15/14