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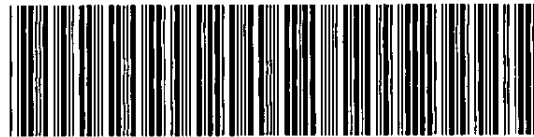
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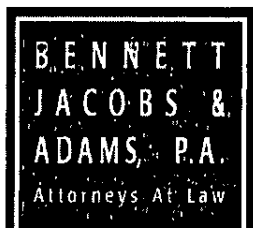


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VIA FEDEX

Division of Corporations
Corporate Filings
Clifton Building
2661 Executive Center
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

RE: Mark Eckl Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. - General Corp. File
BJA File No.: 2016-17095

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. **Original** and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Mark Eckl Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., and
2. A check in the amount of \$78.75 payable to Division of Corporations for filing fee and a certified copy.

Please do the following:

1. File the original Articles of Incorporation, prepare a certified copy of same, and send the certified copy to the undersigned by regular mail.
2. If you have any questions or further requirements with respect to these enclosures, please retain them pending your immediate telephonic contact with the undersigned.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
BENNETT, JACOBS & ADAMS, P.A.

John F. Wendel

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
MARK ECKL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator, to form a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I.
NAME**

The name of the corporation is **MARK ECKL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

**ARTICLE II.
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The existence of the corporation shall commence on the date on which the Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State.

**ARTICLE III.
PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation and the mailing address of the corporation is 4020 Kidron Road, #9, Lakeland, Florida 33811-1280

**ARTICLE IV.
PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized and shall operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code. The corporation may receive contributions for such purposes and distribute such to organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) and exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code. The corporation may also raise, receive, maintain for a reasonable period of time, and disburse a fund or funds for any one or more of the lawful purposes of the corporation not inconsistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code; however, the corporation shall not engage in any activity in which corporations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code are not permitted to engage.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERS

The corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The incorporator of the corporation shall hold an organizational meeting to elect the three (3) initial members of the board of directors of the corporation which three (3) initial members of the board of directors shall complete the organization of the corporation. The business and property of the corporation shall be managed solely and exclusively by the board of directors of the corporation which shall have full and absolute control over the affairs of the corporation and shall be authorized to exercise all of the corporate powers of the corporation. The board of directors shall carry out the purposes of the corporation in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the corporation. All of the directors of the corporation shall be elected by the board of directors of the corporation. The method of electing the directors of the corporation shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the corporation. The corporation shall never have less than nor more than three (3) members of the board of directors at any time. No director shall be compensated for the performance of his or her duties as a director, but a director may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in the performance of his or her duties as a director in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation. The board of directors of the corporation shall, by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote, have the right to remove, with or without cause, any director and to replace any director so removed.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the board of directors, from time to time and at any time, shall deem necessary. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person. All officers shall be members of the board of directors of the corporation. All officers shall be elected by the board of directors of the corporation annually at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the corporation. Officers (including an officer who is also a member of the board of directors of the corporation) may be compensated for the performance of his or her duties as an officer as determined by the board of directors of the corporation. Officers may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties as officers as determined by the board of directors of the corporation. The board of directors of the corporation

shall, by majority vote, have the right to remove, with or without cause, any officer and to replace any officer so removed.

ARTICLE VIII. LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The corporation shall be bound by the following:

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of the corporation, nor to the benefit of any private individual or entity;

B. The corporation shall have no power to engage in any act or activity prohibited to corporations which are exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code;

C. In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, the residual assets of the corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal or to a state or local government for public purposes exclusively;

D. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation; and

E. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IX. INDEMNITY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The corporation shall indemnify any director or any officer for any acts or alleged acts committed or allegedly committed by such director or officer while serving in his or her capacity as a director or as an officer of the corporation to the maximum extent permitted by Florida and federal law.

**ARTICLE X.
BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted, altered, amended, repealed, or revised only by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of those directors present at a meeting of the board of directors of the corporation at which a quorum is present.

**ARTICLE XI.
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and street address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is John F. Wendel, 5304 South Florida Avenue, Suite 404, Lakeland, Florida 33813.

**ARTICLE XII.
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the sole incorporator of this corporation is John F. Wendel, 5304 South Florida Avenue, Suite 404, Lakeland, Florida 33813.

**ARTICLE XIII.
AMENDMENTS TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or restated only by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of those directors present at a meeting of the board of directors of the corporation at which a quorum is present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 13th day of April, 2016.



John F. Wendel, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

I, John F. Wendel, having been named to serve as registered agent for **MARK ECKL
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**, do hereby accept such office and agree to

conduct myself therein according to law. I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations of such office.

DATED this 13th day of April, 2016.



John F. Wendel, Registered Agent