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# **COVER LETTER**

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SUBJECT:	AMERICAN THOROUGBRED ASSOCIATION, INC.
_	(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

\$70.00 Filing Fee	S78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	□\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

# Articles of Incorporation of American Thoroughbred Association, Inc.

In compliance with the requirements of F.S. Chapter 617, the undersigned, being a natural person, hereby acts as an incorporator in adopting and filing the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of organizing a not-for-profit business corporation.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation ("Corporation") is American Thoroughbred Association, Inc.

## ARTICLE II

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is:

1877 West Hillsboro Blvd. Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

#### ARTICLE III

The purpose of the Corporation is to better the lives of thoroughbred race horses during and after their racing careers.

#### ARTICLE IV

The method by which Directors are elected shall be as stated in the Corporation's Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V

The initial Officers and Directors of the Corporation are:

Title:

Director/President

Name:

Nicholas Stars

Address:

1877 West Hillsboro Blvd.

Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

Title:

Director/Treasurer/Secretary

Name:

Mary Weinstein

Address:

22734 El Dorado Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33433

Title:

Director

Name:

Howard Weinstein

Address:

22734 El Dorado Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33433

#### ARTICLE VI

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent for the Corporation is:

Name Address

Walter H. Messick Galvan Messick, PLLC

951 Yamato Rd., Suite 250 Boca Raton, FL 33431

## ARTICLE VII

The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>

Walter H. Messick Galvan Messick, PLLC

951 Yamato Rd., Suite 250

Boca Raton, FL 33431

## ARTICLE VIII

The Corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and agents to the fullest extent permitted by law.

# ARTICLE IX

a. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

b. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation 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 this Article IX. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt

from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or 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.

c. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, 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 a public purpose. 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 said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on January 26, 2017.

Walter H. Messick Incorporator

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# ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for American Thoroughbred Association, Inc. at the place designated in the articles of incorporation, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to F.S. 617.0501(3).

Walter H. Messick

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January 26, 2017