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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### JESSICA COSTANZO SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

The undersigned, citizens of the United States, each with the capacity to contract, hereby execute and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation under and by virtue of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act").

#### ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the corporation is Jessica Costanzo Scholarship Fund, Inc.

#### ARTICLE 2. ADDRESS

The street address of the principal office of the corporation is 470 Conrad Road, Vehice Florida 34293.

#### ARTICLE 3. DURATION

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these Articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; and the period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE 4. PURPOSE

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to provide scholarship assistance to students meeting criteria established by the Board of Directors for continued education following graduation from an accredited high school or receipt of a general equivalency diploma, whether such continued education be at a college, university or trade school (or similar educational facility) located in or outside the State of Florida; to receive and maintain real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof, exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereinafter be amended.

#### ARTICLE 5. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the registered office of the corporation is 401 Johnson Lane, Suite 102, Venice, Florida 34285, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is Andrew J. Britton, P.A.

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#### ARTICLE 6. DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of no less than three (3) directors in number and shall be elected or appointed by the method as stated in the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first annual meeting of members or until their successors be elected or appointed and qualify, or until their earlier resignation, removal from office or death, are as follows:

Name
Mark R. Costanzo
Marguerite Costanzo

Charles Payne

<u>Address</u>

470 Conrad Road, Venice, Fl. 34293 470 Conrad Road, Venice, Fl. 34293 269 Alsace Drive, Venice, Fl. 34293

ARTICLE 7. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation is as follows: Mark R. Costanzo, 470 Conrad Road, Venice, Fl. 34293.

#### ARTICLE 8. BYLAWS

The first Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE 9. PRIVATE FOUNDATION**

If the corporation is a Private Foundation within the meaning of Section 509 of the Code, then the provisions of this article shall apply.

- (a) The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or any corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- (b) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, or any corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- (c) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- (d) The corporation shall not make any investments in a manner that would subject to ax under Section 4944 of the Code, or any corresponding provisions of any federal tax laws.
- (e) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.

#### ARTICLE 10. RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers, or member of the corporation, or any other private

individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation, and reasonable expenses may be paid thereto, affecting one or more of the corporation's purposes), and no director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall include 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, at any time. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry or any other activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant

### ARTICLE 11. DISSOLUTION

the Regulations as they now exists or as they hereafter be amended.

thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE 12. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the manner stated in the Bylaws.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, do make and affix our signatures to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these Articles of Incorporation

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporators of the corporation, execute these Articles of Incorporation and certify to the truth of the facts herein stated, this 27 day of Wolember, 2017.

Mark R. Costanzo

STATE OF FLORIDA | COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned to take acknowledgments and administer oaths in the State of Florida, certify that Mark R. Costanzo, the incorporator of the corporation named herein, personally known to me or who did produce as identification, personally appeared before me and swore to the truth of the facts therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this

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Notary Public

Name Profession Francisco

My commission expires:

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

Andrew J. Britton, P.A.

By: Andrew J. Britton

Nov., 27 2017

Date

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