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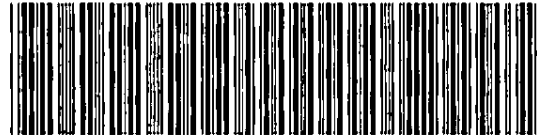
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Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: The Bradenton Blue Foundation, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
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☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Paul Driscoll
Name (Printed or typed)

100 10th Street West
Address

Bradenton, Florida 34205
City, State & Zip

(941) 932-9371
Daytime Telephone number

Paul.Driscoll@cityofbradenton.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE BRADENTON BLUE FOUNDATION, INC.

(A corporation not for profit)

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is: **THE BRADENTON BLUE FOUNDATION, INC.**, a corporation not for profit, and the initial principal address of the corporation is: 100 10th Street West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205, and the mailing address is 100 10th Street West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205.

ARTICLE II

The period of the duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III

The corporation shall be organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and shall be operated for the following exempt purposes:

- (a) to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more specified organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");
- (b) to support, assist in performing the functions of, provide financial support, promote public awareness, sponsor community outreach initiatives to improve public health and safety and improve neighborhoods served by the City of Bradenton Police Department ("BPD"), improve officer safety including wellness and training, foster community support for the community outreach and public safety initiatives promoted by BPD, to provide for BPD personnel impacted by a catastrophic occurrence and perform the corporation's charitable activities under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;
- (c) to solicit gifts, contributions, donations and bequests to carry out the purposes of the corporation and make and administer grants and gifts to support the charitable and educational mission of the corporation, including, but not limited to, purchasing equipment, vehicles, provide specialized training and technology advancements that

support BPD's public safety initiatives, support neighborhood efforts, sponsor programs to foster and enhance citizen involvement in BPD's public safety initiatives and partnerships with community groups, businesses and other public charities, make gifts or grants to support memorials for fallen officers and their families of officers that have lost their lives while serving the Bradenton community;

(d) to borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the purposes of the corporation;

(e) to act as trustee under any trust or endowment incidental to the principal objects of the corporation and in connection therewith, to enter into any kind of activity and to perform and carry out contracts of any kind necessary to or in connection with or incidental to the accomplishment of any one or more of the non-profit purposes of the corporation;

(f) to operate exclusively as an organization which qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;

(g) no part of the funds of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual, and no part of the activities shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or of participating in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office;

(h) the corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual and the balance, if any, of all money received by the corporation from its operations, after the payment in full of all debts and obligations of the corporation of whatever kind and nature, shall be used and distributed exclusively to organizations that qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;

(i) the corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, acquired gifts, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, sell, convey, use, lease, mortgage, and dispose of all such property in conformity with the Bylaws of the corporation and shall be authorized to invest and reinvest the principal amount of such gift and dispose of the interest or earnings therefrom or principal, or part thereof, for the charitable purposes set forth above without limitation, subject to such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the gift instrument or other grant under which such property is received;

(j) the corporation shall further be authorized to invest, reinvest, and administer the principal or the income of the corporation's assets in such manner as, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, will best promote the purposes of the corporation and shall be further authorized to exercise each and every power and right granted to a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with its Bylaws or as the same may be hereafter

modified or amended; provided, however, that such activities conform to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code; and

(k) to solicit and obtain grants and charitable contributions from individuals, corporations, governmental boards and agencies, and other public and private sources to fund the activities of the corporation.

The corporation has and may exercise all powers conferred on a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida. However, the corporation shall not engage in any activity that would cause either (a) the corporation to cease to be exempt from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any superseding United States income tax law, or (b) contributions to the corporation cease to be deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any superseding United States income tax law. The corporation shall not permit any of its assets or income to inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or other private individual.

ARTICLE IV

The Board of Directors shall serve as the voting members of the corporation, as described in the Bylaws of the corporation, as they may be amended from time to time. The Bylaws may also provide for non-voting members that include persons that support the mission of the corporation or may add special knowledge, experience and skills that will assist the corporation carry out its charitable mission. All advisory members of the Board of Directors, if any, shall serve as non-voting members of the corporation.

ARTICLE V

The street address and city of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 1000 18th Street West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Paul Driscoll.

ARTICLE VI

The Directors of the corporation will be elected as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation. The number of Directors can be increased or decreased from time to time provided in the Bylaws of the corporation, but shall never be less than three Directors. Directors shall be elected annually by a majority of the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation. Directors shall consist of persons with a demonstrated commitment to and interest in supporting the charitable mission of the corporation, as described in the Bylaws. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is five (5), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are listed below:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Paul McWade	c/o Bradenton Police Department 100 10 th Street West Bradenton, Florida 34205
Lou Merucci	c/o Bradenton Police Department 100 10 th Street West Bradenton, Florida 34205
David Eckel	c/o Bradenton Police Department 100 10 th Street West Bradenton, Florida 34205
Michele Britton	c/o Bradenton Police Department 100 10 th Street West Bradenton, Florida 34205
Paul Driscoll	c/o Bradenton Police Department 100 10 th Street West Bradenton, Florida 34205

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ARTICLE VII

The corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VIII

The power to adopt, amend, and repeal Bylaws of the corporation is vested in its Board of Directors. The corporation reserves the right to amend any provision of these Articles of Incorporation in the manner prescribed by law pursuant to a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the Directors of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX

Upon dissolution, the corporation shall adopt a plan that provides for (i) the return, transfer, or conveyance of all its remaining assets that are held on the condition that they be returned, transferred, or conveyed upon the dissolution of the corporation and (ii) the distribution of all its other remaining assets, after the payment of all liabilities of the corporation and all costs and expenses of dissolution, for a public purpose to either the Federal government, a state or local government, or one or more organizations that then qualify for exemption from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or the corresponding provision of any superseding United States income tax law.

ARTICLE X

The name and address of each incorporator is:

Name

Address

Paul McWade

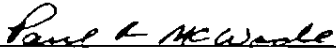
c/o Bradenton Police Department
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Bradenton, Florida 34205

Paul Driscoll


c/o Bradenton Police Department
100 10th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

Dated the 15th day of February, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the incorporators of this corporation have executed these Articles of Incorporation.



Paul McWade



Paul Driscoll

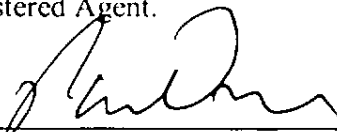
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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the mentioned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered agent/registered office, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: **THE BRADENTON BLUE FOUNDATION, INC.**, a corporation not-for-profit.
2. The name and street address of the Registered Agent and office is: Paul Driscoll, Esquire, c/o Bradenton Police Department, 100 10th Street West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

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 power and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as Registered Agent.



Paul Driscoll
100 10th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34205