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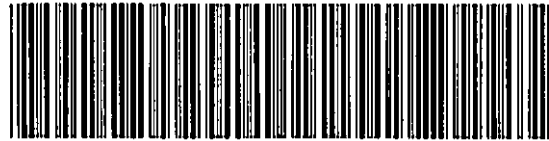
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SUBJECT: EMPOWERMENT GULF COAST INC.

(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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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: MICHAEL R. PENDER, JR

Name (Printed or typed)

2381 FRUITVILLE ROAD

Address

SARASOTA, FL 34237

City, State & Zip

941-366-2983

Daytime Telephone number

MRP@CAVCOCPA.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
EMPOWERMENT GULFCOST INC.**

A Florida Non-Profit Corporation

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These articles of incorporation are signed by the incorporators for forming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, as follows:

ARTICLE I. - NAME

The name of this corporation is Empowerment Gulfcoast Inc. The principal office 3611 Wexford Lane, Sarasota, FL 34233 and the mailing address of the corporation is 5342 Clark Road, PMB 188, Sarasota, FL 34233

ARTICLE II. - PURPOSE

Empowerment Gulfcoast Inc. is a non-profit corporation and shall be operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. The organization will be working to prevent self-destructive behaviors in the face of hopelessness, it reaches out to Seniors 65+ and young working adults, age 18 to 35, who lack resources and a supportive network when financial obstacles occur. The organization will offer financial assistance, one-on-one mentoring, mandatory budget classes and professional counseling, as needed. The organization will serve the Florida Counties of Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto and Charlotte.

(a) Using a multi-step process, Empowerment Gulfcoast Inc. seeks to guide struggling adults to self-reliance and the stability to resist self-destructive behavior before it occurs, successfully lifting recipients up to become contributing and successful members of our community. Specifically, we seek to enable young adults and Seniors in need to:

1. Find employment or secure a better paying job (Seniors: volunteerism)
2. Obtain reliable transportation
3. Secure safe and sustainable housing
4. Learn better budget management skills
5. Pursue education opportunities that will lead to employment that enables them to live within their means (Seniors exempt)

6. Feel valued as a part of a larger community that cares for them and they are not forgotten

(b) To maximize our impact on current efforts, we may seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations which fall under the 501(c)(3) section of the internal revenue code and are operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

(c) Administering for charitable purposes property donated to the corporation;

(d) Distributing property for such purposes in accordance with the terms of gifts, bequests or devises to the corporation not inconsistent with its purposes, as set forth in these articles of incorporation, or in accordance with the determination made by the board of directors pursuant to these articles of incorporation;

(e) Receiving gifts and bequests and to use the principal and income generated from the investment of the gifts and bequests for the benefit of the corporation, or such other charitable, religious or educational organizations that are described in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and exempt from taxation under §501(a);

(f) Reserving the power to modify any restriction or condition on the distribution of funds for any specified charitable purposes or to specified organizations if in the sole judgment of the board of directors (without the necessity of the approval of any trustee, custodian or agent), such restriction or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable need; and

(g) Engaging in all lawful activities necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of any of the above described powers.

ARTICLE III. - MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE IV. - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of no less than five directors. The board of directors shall be elected or appointed as provided in the bylaws. The board of directors shall have the requisite power and authority, which is customarily vested in corporate directors over the business and affairs of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI. REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The registered office of this corporation shall be 2381 Fruitvale Road, Sarasota, Florida 34237, and the registered agent at such office shall be Michael R. Pender, Jr.

ARTICLE VII. - COMPENSATION AND ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors or officers, or any individual, but 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 II hereof. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such extent as would result in the loss of the exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles of incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- (a) by a corporation exempt from taxation under the Code; or
- (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE VIII. - INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify the incorporator and any director or officer, or any former director or officer, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX. - INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporator are as follows:

Michael R. Pender, Jr.
2381 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34237

ARTICLE X – OFFICERS

The corporation shall be governed by a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and any other officers which may be established by the bylaws of the corporation. The officers will be elected by the directors at the annual meeting in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE XI. - BYLAWS

The bylaws of this corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded by the board of directors at any regular or special meeting held in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These articles of incorporation may be amended from time to time by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the board of director's present at a meeting at which a quorum is present; provided, however, that these articles of incorporation shall not be amended to permit the corporation to engage in any activity prohibited in Article VII.

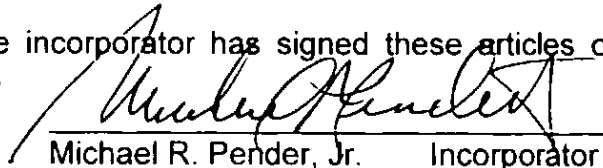
ARTICLE XIII. - DISSOLUTION

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 by distributing those assets exclusively for charitable purposes in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or scientific purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as the board of directors shall determine. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court which has general jurisdiction for the county in which the principal office of the corporation shall then be located, exclusively for such charitable purposes or such charitable organization or organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code as the court shall select.

ARTICLE XIV. - DEFINITIONS

For purposes of these articles, "charitable purposes" include educational, religious, scientific, public and other purposes, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Code. Any reference in these articles to a section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be deemed to include the corresponding provision or provisions of any applicable future Internal Revenue Code.

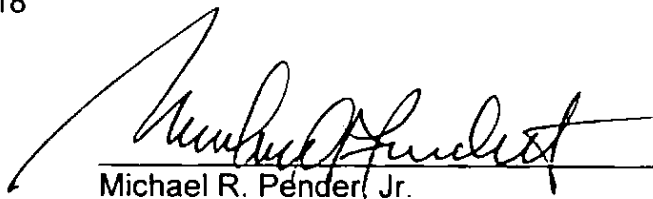
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has signed these articles of incorporation on September 17, 2018


Michael R. Pender, Jr. Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process at the place designated in the articles, 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.

DATED September 17, 2018


Michael R. Pender, Jr.