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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

PALM BEACH FIRST RESPONDERS FOUNDATION, INC.  (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)				
Enclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the Ar	ticles of Incorporation and	a check for:	
□ \$70.00 Filing Fee	☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	□\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	■ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate	
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	John Harrison Hough		-	

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408

City, State & Zip

Daytime Telephone number

jhoughlaw@murphyreid.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

#### PALM BEACH FIRST RESPONDERS FOUNDATION, INC.

The following are the Articles of Incorporation of the Palm Beach First Responders Foundation, Inc.

### ARTICLE ONE - Name

The name of the Corporation is the PALM BEACH FIRST RESPONDERS FOUNDATION, INC.

## ARTICLE TWO - Principal Office and Address

The address of the principal office of the Corporation is 139 North County Road, Suite 26, Palm Beach, Florida 33480, and the mailing address of the Corporation is 139 North County Road, Suite 26, Palm Beach, Florida 33480.

## **ARTICLE THREE - Purpose**

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are:

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and, more specifically, to receive and administer funds for such charitable and educational purposes, all for the public, by bequest, devise, gift, purchase or lease, either absolutely or in trust for such objects and purposes or any of them, any property, real, personal or mixed, without limitation as to amount of value, except such limitations, if any, as may be imposed by law; to sell, convey, and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the principal thereof, and to deal with and expend the income therefrom and the principal, or part thereof, for any of the before-mentioned purposes, without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received; to receive such property, real, personal and mixed, in trust, under the terms of any will, deed of trust, or other trust instrument for the foregoing purposes or any of them, and in administering to carry out the directions, and exercise the powers contained in the trust instrument under which the property is received, including the expenditure of the principal as well as the income, for one or more of such purposes, if authorized or directed in the trust instrument under which it is received, but no gift, bequest or devise of any such property shall be received and accepted if to be conditioned or limited in such manner as shall require the disposition of the income or its principal to any person or organization other than an "exempt organization" or for other than "exempt purposes" within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or afterward amended, or as shall in the opinion

of the Board of Directors, jeopardize the federal income tax exemption of the Corporation pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or later amended; to receive, take title to, hold, and use the proceeds and income of stocks, bonds, obligations, or other securities of any corporation or corporations, domestic or foreign, but only for the foregoing purposes, or some of them; and, in general, to exercise any, all and every power for which a non-profit corporation organized under the applicable provisions of Florida Statute Sections 617.01011 et seq. for charitable purposes, all for the public welfare, can be authorized to exercise, but only to the extent the exercise of such powers is in furtherance of exempt purposes.

- (b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its director, 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 these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except that, if the Corporation so elects, it may make such expenditures in conformity with § 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code) and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under § 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- (c) Included among the charitable and educational purposes for which the Corporation is organized, as qualified and limited by subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article Three, are the following:
- (i) lessening the burdens of government, in particular by helping the Palm Beach Police Department and Palm Beach Fire Department in recruiting and retaining employees by providing, but not limited to, long term employment retention bonuses, moving assistance, signing bonuses and housing loans;
  - (ii) defending human and civil rights secured by law;
  - (iii) lessening neighborhood tensions;
  - (iv) eliminating prejudice and discrimination; and
  - (v) combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.
  - (d) To do all and everything necessary, suitable and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any of the objects or the furtherance of any of the powers earlier set forth, either alone or in association with other corporations, firms, or individuals, and to do every other act or acts, thing or things, incidental or appurtenant to or growing out of or connected with the aforesaid objects or purposes of any part or parts thereof, provided the same are not inconsistent with the laws under which this corporation is organized.

## <u>ARTICLE FOUR – Members</u>

The Corporation shall have no members.

### ARTICLE FIVE – Directors

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the number of Directors of which shall not be less than five (5) who shall be elected by the Board of Directors. The initial Directors and Officers shall be:

John F. Scarpa President

1676 South Ocean Boulevard Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Michael A. Belisle

201 Worth Ave.

Vice-President

Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Tim Moran

257 Dunbar Rd.

Second Vice-President

Palm Beach, Florida 33480

John W. S. Preston

25 Middle Road

Second Vice-President

Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Annie Falk

600 Tarpon Way

Palm Beach, FL 33480 Secretary

Matthew K. Smith

1237 N. Ocean Way

Treasurer

Palm Beach, Florida 33480

## ARTICLE SIX - Registered Office and Agent

The registered office of the Corporation shall be 139 N. County Road, Suite 26, Palm Beach, Florida 33480. The registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be John F. Scarpa.

### <u>ARTICLE SEVEN – Incorporator</u>

The name and address of the incorporator is:

John Harrison Hough 11300 US Highway One, Suite 401

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33408

## <u>ARTICLE EIGHT – Corporate Existence</u>

Except as provided herein or by applicable law, the existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE NINE - Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, educational, or such other exempt purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or to a federal, state, or local government body to be used for exclusively public purposes as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## ARTICLE TEN - Territory

The territory in which the operations of the Corporation are principally to be conducted is the Town of Palm Beach, Florida; however, the Corporation shall not be limited to such territory, but shall be limited to conduct its operations in the United States of America.

John Harrison Hough, Incorporator