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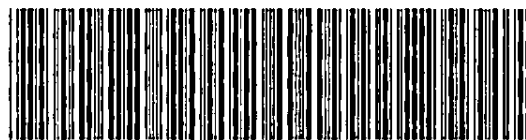
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

PONCE NAVY FOUNDATION, INC.

a non-profit Florida corporation

(Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.)

The undersigned has this day signed these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of Florida and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

1. Name. The name of this corporation is Ponce Navy Foundation, Inc. The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

2. Tax-Exempt Status. The corporation reserves the right to seek 501(c)(3) status in the future. The tax exempt purposes of this corporation shall be to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property or both and, subject to the restrictions and limitations which are hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income from the principal of the fund or funds exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or any may hereafter be amended. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by organizations described in 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

3. Tax-Exempt Status for Educational Association. If 501(c)(3) status is sought, this corporation shall not directly or indirectly perform any act or transact any business that will jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the corporation under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations, as such section and regulations now exist or may hereafter be amended, or under corresponding laws and regulations hereafter adopted. No part of the assets or the net earnings of the corporation, current or accumulated, shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

4. Initial Objectives. The specific charitable, scientific, literary, and educational objectives of this corporation are:

- a. Ponce Navy Foundation, Inc. was established to aid in search and rescue operations for scuba divers, fishermen and boaters in the Atlantic ocean off the coast of Florida. The Foundation will also serve to educate scuba divers, boaters and fishermen about safe boating practices and survival tactics.

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- b. The team of volunteers are committed to providing support and raising funds for search and rescue operations including fuel costs for boats and airplanes, drone support and rescue equipment.
- c. The team of volunteers will cooperate and coordinate activities with the Coast Guard, Game and Freshwater Fish Commission and other law enforcement agencies.
- d. The team of volunteers shall assist in water related disaster recovery efforts.
- e.. The corporation shall engage in any other charitable, educational, philanthropic, welfare or other activity, that is an integral part of Ponce Navy Foundation, Inc.
- f. The corporation shall raise funds to achieve the objectives of the corporation.

5. Powers. In furtherance of its objectives and to provide funds therefor, this corporation shall have the capacity and power to do any and all things necessary and appropriate to their accomplishment, including but not limited to:

a. To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise; to own, hold, maintain and improve; to sell, exchange, mortgage, license, lease or otherwise dispose of, such real and personal property as may be necessary to further accomplish this corporation's purposes.

b. To invest and reinvest its funds and assets, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any gift, devise, bequest or grant; provided, however, that such limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provisions of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

c. To make and enter into contracts and agreements of every kind and description necessary to further the purposes of this corporation and to apply for, receive, contract, administrate, and perform gifts, grants, awards, contracts, and programs to accomplish its purposes with any and all governmental, charitable, educational, or scientific organizations.

d. To lend its funds upon adequate security and to borrow for its corporate purposes and secure the same by mortgage or pledge of any and all its corporate real or personal property or both.

e. To exercise all rights and privileges appurtenant to any securities or any property held by this corporation, including, but without limitation to, the right to vote any share of stock which may be held by this corporation.

f. To act as trustee of funds for trusts created solely for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes as shall be in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of this corporation.

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g. To do any and every act or thing, and to engage in any other activity or undertaking necessary or convenient to the fulfillment of the purposes of this corporation which a corporate body may lawfully do or perform; provided, however, that only such acts or things shall be done and such activities or undertakings engaged in as are in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of this corporation and as may be done or engaged in by an organization exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

h. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

i. To hold meetings, lectures, and other educational, business, and social programs, to engage speakers, to compile and distribute information, and to provide printed material, forms, recordings, and other presentations or materials for the benefit of the members and/or the public.

j. To collect dues, to engage in fund-raising activities, and to borrow money and to issue notes and other evidences of indebtedness and obligations from time to time for any lawful corporate purpose or objective, and to mortgage, pledge, and otherwise charge any or all its properties, rights, privileges, and assets to secure the payment thereof.

k. To establish terms and conditions of membership in the corporation.

l. To do any and every act or thing, and to engage in any other activity or undertaking necessary or convenient to the fulfillment of the purposes of this corporation which a corporate body may lawfully do or perform; provided, however, that only such acts or things shall be done and such activities or undertakings engaged in as are in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of this corporation and as may be done or engaged in by an organization exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

6. Non-Profit Status. This corporation shall be a non-profit corporation and shall have no capital stock, and no dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared or paid to the directors, officers, or members thereof. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member of this corporation or any private individual, provided, however, that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to this corporation in the furtherance of its purposes.

7. Classes of Membership. The present members of this corporation are the incorporators and directors thereof. Any person may become a member of this corporation under the terms and conditions established in the by-laws of this corporation.

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8. Registered Agent. This corporation appoints Dennis Bayer whose address is 109 South 6th Street, Flagler Beach, FL 32136, who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Florida for at least three years, as its Registered agent in and for the State of Florida. This appointment may be revoked at any time by the Board of Directors authorizing and directing the filing with the Florida Corporation Commission of a statement in accordance with F.S. 617.1509.

9. Known Place of Business. The known place of business of the corporation shall be 58 Buckskin Lane, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 and at such other places as from time to time may be selected by the Board of Directors.

10. Board of Directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be fixed and may be altered from time to time as may be provided in the by-laws. In case of any increase in the number of directors, the additional directors may be elected by the directors or by the members at an annual or special meeting, as shall be provided in the by-laws.

The names and addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors, who shall serve until their successors are qualified according to the by-laws, are:

1. Marsha Evans Cooksey
2. Christopher J. Blum
3. Ann Richardson

See Attached Exhibit "A" for full address listing.

The Board of Directors shall have full power to adopt, alter and amend the by-laws of this corporation and to make proper rules and regulations for the transaction of its affairs.

11. Initial Officers. The initial Officers of the corporation are:

President – Marsha Evans Cooksey
Vice President – Christopher J. Blum
Secretary – Ann Richardson
Treasurer – Ann Richardson

12. Incorporator. The name and address of the undersigned incorporator is: Chris Blum whose address is 58 Buckskin Lane, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

All powers, duties and responsibilities of the incorporators shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Florida Department of State, Corporation Division for filing.

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13. Indemnification of Officers, Directors, Employees, and Agents. Subject to the provisions of this Article, the corporation shall indemnify any and all its existing and former directors, officers, employees and agents against all expenses incurred by them and each of them including but not limited to legal fees, judgments, penalties and amounts paid in settlement or compromise which may arise or be incurred, rendered, or levied in any legal action brought or threatened against any of them for or on account of any action or omission alleged to have been committed while acting within the scope of services or employment as director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, whether or not any action is or has been filed against them and whether or not any settlement or compromise is approved by a court. Indemnification shall be made by the corporation whether the legal action brought or threatened is by or in the right of the corporation or by any other person.

Whenever any existing or former director, officer, employee or agent shall report to the president of the corporation or the chairman of the Board of Directors that he or she has incurred or may incur expenses, including but not limited to legal fees, judgments, penalties, and amounts paid in settlement or compromise in a legal action brought or threatened against him or her for or on account of any action or omission alleged to have been committed by him or her while acting within the scope of his or her services or employment as a director, officer employee or agent of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, at its next regular or at a special meeting held within a reasonable time thereafter, determine in good faith whether, in regard to the matter involved in the action or contemplated action, such person acted, failed to act, or refused to act willfully or with gross negligence or with fraudulent or criminal intent.

If the Board of Directors determines in good faith that such person did not act, failed to act, or refused to act willfully or with gross negligence or with fraudulent or criminal intent in regard to the matter involved in the action or contemplated action, indemnification shall be mandatory and shall be automatically extended as specified herein; provided, however, that no such indemnification shall be available with respect to liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and provided further that the corporation shall have the right to refuse indemnification in any instance in which the person to whom indemnification would otherwise have been applicable shall have unreasonably refused to permit the corporation at its own expense and through counsel of its own choosing, to defend him or her in the action.

14. Amendment of Articles of Incorporation. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of this corporation at a meeting called for that purpose; provided, however, that in no event shall the purposes of this corporation be changed, and Articles 5 and 12 hereof shall not be altered or amended in any manner or way whatsoever.

15. Conflict of Interest Policy

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's ("hereinafter "Organization") interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

(A) Definitions.

(1). **Interested Person:** Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person

(2). **Financial Interest:** A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment or family:

a. an ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement;

b. a compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement; or

c. a potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

(B) Duty to Disclose. In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

(C) Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

(D) Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest.

(1) An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

(2) The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

(3) After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

(4) If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

(E) Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy.

(1) If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

(2) If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

(F) Records of Proceedings.

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

(1) The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

(2) The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

(G) Compensation.

(1) A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

(2) A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

(3) No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

(4) Individuals who receive compensation from the Organization, whether directly or indirectly or as employees or independent contractors, are precluded from membership on any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters.

(H) Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy.
- b. has read and understands the policy.
- c. has agreed to comply with the policy; and
- d. understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

(I) Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

(1) Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

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(2) Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

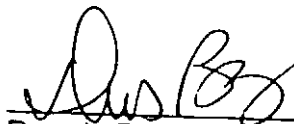
(J) Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

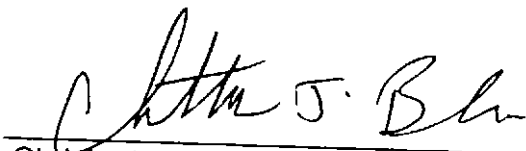
15. Dissolution. Upon dissolution of this Organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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 following incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation this date: September 9, 2021.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.


Dennis Bayer

Date: September 9, 2021


Christopher J. Blum, Incorporator

Date: September 9, 2021

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EXHIBIT A

The names and addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors, who shall serve until their successors are qualified according to the by-laws, are:

1. Marsha Evans Cooksey
2110 Ocean Shore Boulevard
Ormond Beach, FL 32176
2. Christopher J. Blum
58 Buckskin Lane
Ormond Beach, FL 32174
3. Ann Richardson
384 Emporia Road
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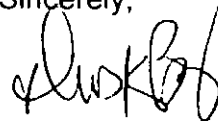
Re: Articles of Incorporation of Ponce Navy Foundation, Inc. (Non-Profit)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Ponce Navy Foundation, Inc., together with my law firm check in the amount of \$78.75.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dennis K. Bayer

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