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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
RICHARD T. WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, INC.**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 or the Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1**

The name of the corporation is RICHARD T. WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, INC..

**ARTICLE 2**

The corporation is a nonprofit corporation that is organized for the transaction of any and all lawful acts for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Act.

**ARTICLE 3**

The period of duration is perpetual.

**ARTICLE 4**

1. The purpose of the corporation is for any lawful purpose permitted by the Nonprofit Laws of the State of Florida; and exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereinafter be amended.

The main focus of the corporation shall be to offer financial assistance to women and men seeking training as first responders as well as organizations associated with assisting first responders.

2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any director or officer of the corporation or any 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 of incorporation). No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

3. If the corporation is a private foundation as defined by Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereinafter be amended, the following provisions shall apply:

a.) The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in

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- such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal laws;
- b.) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal laws;
  - c.) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal laws;
  - d.) The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal laws;
  - e.) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal laws.
4. 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 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
5. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction 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 such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE 5

The Corporation shall have no members.

#### ARTICLE 6

The place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 1615 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785.

#### ARTICLE 7

The street address of its initial registered office is 1615 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Douglas Higley.

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#### ARTICLE 8

Management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the board of directors. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is three (3). Members of the Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) members appointed by each of the following organizations:

Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue, and

The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach.

Additionally, Douglas Higley shall be a Director. The number and qualifications of the directors may be amended pursuant to the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial directors are as follows:

1. Douglas Higley 6185 55th Ave N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709
2. Bridgett Cerce 7 Watson Ct., Pinchurst NC 28374
3. Robert Lawson 9001 108th St., Seminole FL 33772
4. Benjamin R. Roy 1412 N Fort Harrison Ave, Clearwater, FL 33755

#### ARTICLE 9

The name and address of the incorporator is Douglas Higley, 6185 55th Ave N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

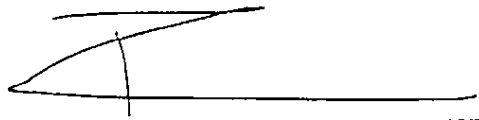
#### ARTICLE 10

The Corporation shall indemnify each Director and Officer, including former Directors and Officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the Corporation be an organization the Officers and Directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

#### ARTICLE 11

The corporation shall be deemed to commence its existence on the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

The undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.



DOUGLAS HIGLEY

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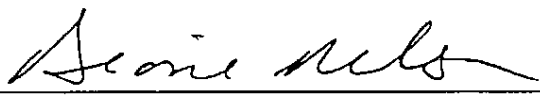
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me in my physical presence on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, by DOUGLAS HIGLEY, who is personally known to me or who has produced a Florida Drivers license as identification.



  
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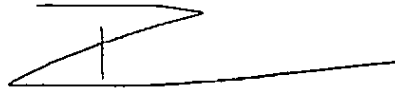
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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation organized under the not for profit corporation laws of the State of the Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is **RICHARD T. WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, INC.**

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is DOUGLAS HIGLEY,  
6185 55th Ave N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709.



DOUGLAS HIGLEY, Incorporator  
Date: May 10, 2023

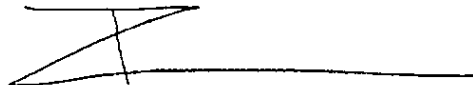
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ACCEPTANCE

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby 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 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



DOUGLAS HIGLEY  
Registered Agent

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