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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER CHARITABLE TRUSTS, INC.

The undersigned a majority of whom are citizens of the United States desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (1994), do hereby certify:

ARTICLE 1

The name of the corporation shall be Volunteer Firefighter Charitable Trusts, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business, main administrative office, and mailing address of this Corporation shall be in Bay county: Family Services Agency 1312 Balboa, Panama City, Florida 32401

ARTICLE III

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The specific purpose of the Corporation is to establish, maintain, and operate Non-Profit Charitable Trusts in the State of Florida organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scholastic purposes for members of Volunteer Fire Departments, 501(c)(4) organizations. Including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. This Corporation will operate all affairs in accordance with the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, 1994, Florida Statues s.617.01011 to s.617.305.

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 said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IV

The manner of the election or appointment of officers of the corporation shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The trustees of each subordinate Volunteer Firefighter Charitable Trust will be appointed to the Board of Directors of this Corporation. The number of Directors of this Corporation shall be determined in the By-Laws of the Corporation but shall be no less than two (2). The affairs of this Corporation are to be managed by the Board of Directors through the President, and other officers in accordance with the By-Laws of this Corporation. The By-Laws may provide for one or more classes of members which may be voting or non-voting.

ARTICLE V

The corporate powers of this Corporation are as provided in the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, of 1994. The Corporation shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless, every registered agent, director or officer and his or her heirs, personal representatives and administrators against liability and against expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be made a party by reason of his or her having been a director or officer of this Corporation, except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for willful misconduct. The foregoing rights shall be exclusive or other rights to which he or she may be entitled.

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ARTICLE VI

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 Article III. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the 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 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VII

The name and the street of the initial registered agent is:

Terry L. Stout

Western-Southern Life Bldg.

1332 West 15th Street

Panama City, Florida 32401

ARTICLE VIII

The names and addresses of the officers and Board of Directors of the Corporation who are to serve until the first election or appointment of officers in accordance with the By-Laws of the Corporation are as follows:

President / Secretary / Director Hannah Stout 201 W 14th St., Box 11 Lynn Haven, Florida 32444 Vice President / Treasurer / Director Benjamin Stout 201 W 14th, Box 11 Lynn Haven, Florida 32444

ARTICLE IX

The affairs of the Corporation shall be administered by the officers designated in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall make, adopt, alter, amend and repeal such By-Laws of the Corporation for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and carrying out of its purposes as such Directors may deem necessary from time to time. The officers, directors and any registered agent of the corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation (through insurance or otherwise) against actions or errors and omissions in their respective capacities as officers, directors and administrators of the corporation, or in any other capacity at the request of the Corporation, to the fullest extent allowed by law.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS CHARITABLE TRUST, INC.

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| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribers h | nave executed these Articles of Incorporation on |
| this 24 day of February, 1995 | Hannah Stout, Director |
| STATE OF FLORIDA)) SS. COUNTY OF BREVARD) | Benjamin Stout, Director |
| The foregoing instrument was acknowledged and sworn t by Hannah Stout and Benjamin Stout of Volunteer Firefig | o before me this 24 day of Fabruary, 1995, ghter Charitable Trust, Inc. |
| | Notary Public D. SUE HARKER My Comm Exp. 3/16/97 Bonded By Service Ins No. CC267403 HPPresent Free Manual Inc. |

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER CHARITABLE TRUSTS, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION

REGISTERED AGENT / REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the Registered Office / Registered Agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the Corporation is:

Volunteer Firefighter Charitable Trusts, Inc.

Family Services Agency 1312 Balboa

Panama City, Florida 32401

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

TERRY L. STOUT

Western-Southern Bldg.; 1332 West 15th Street

Panama City, Florida 32401

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 proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Terry L. Stout, signature

REGISTERED AGENT- INCORPORATOR

2-24-45 Date