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PROJECT DEAF INDEPENDENCE, INCORPORATED AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to §617.1006, Florida Statutes, Project Deaf Independence, Fic. hereby amends and restates its Articles of Incorporation, as provided herein.

ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the Corporation shall be Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated, a Florida not-for-profit corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE II ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The initial principle address of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated, shall be Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated, 420 Mapleway Street, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE OF CORPORATION

The purpose of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated shall be to engage in the provision of social, mental health, educational, and other services to the Deaf and other individuals in need of such services, and any related lawful acts or activities for which corporations may be organized under the Corporation Laws of Florida. Said Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private person, 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 herein.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERS OF CORPORATION

The members of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated shall be Jennifer Corlett, Estel M. Blevins, and Gene Cowles, whose addresses are set forth in Article VI. The membership of the Corporation may from time to time be amended as provided in the by-laws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is J. Robert Griffin, J. Robert Griffin & Associates, P.A., 2559 Shiloh Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

ARTICLE VI

The following persons, having the indicated mailing addresses, shall serve as directors of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated until the first annual meeting of the directors of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated or until their successor or successors are elected and qualify as provided for in the by-laws of the Corporation:

James Tresh 702 First Avenue, North

Safety Harbor, Florida 34695

Jennifer A. Corlett 632 Fayette Drive South

Safety Harbor, Florida 34695

Estel M. Blevins 24 Freshwater Drive

Palm Harbor, Florida 34684

Mary Blevins 24 Freshwater Drive

Palm Harbor, Florida 34684

Gene Cowles 485 Mapleway Street

Safety Harbor, Florida 34695

Amelia Cowles 485 Mapleway Street

Safety Harbor, Florida 34695

ARTICLE VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The number of directors of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated shall be such number as from time to time shall be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the by-laws of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated. Unless and except to the extent that the by-laws of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated shall otherwise require, the election of directors of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated need not be by written ballot.

ARTICLE VIII NAME AND ADDRESS OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENCY

The name and address of the initial registered agent of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated is J. Robert Griffin, J. Robert Griffin & Associates, P.A., 2559 Shiloh Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

ARTICLE IX LIMITED LIABILITY OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

No director or officer of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated shall be liable to Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director or officer, provided that nothing contained herein shall eliminate or limit the liability of a director or officer (1) for any breach of the director or officer's duty of loyalty to the organization; (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (3) for any transaction from which the officer or director derived an improper personal benefit. Any repeal of modification of this article shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any right or protection of, or any limitation on the liability of, a director or officer existing at the time of, or arising out of facts or incidents prior to the time of, the effectiveness of such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated reserves the right at any time, and from time to time, to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, and other provisions authorized by the laws of Florida at the time in force may be added or inserted, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law; and all rights, preferences and privileges of whatsoever nature conferred upon officers and directors by and pursuant to these Articles of Incorporation in their present form or as hereafter amended are granted subject to the rights reserved in this Article.

ARTICLE XI BY-LAWS

In furtherance of the Powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida, the Board of Directors of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated is expressly authorized and empowered to adopt, amend, and repeal by-laws of Project Deaf Independence, Incorporated.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Project Deaf Independence, Inc., have been fully adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at a meeting of the directors held on February 13, 1997.

THIS IS TO FURTHER CERTIFY that the Amendment and Restatement does not require the approval of the members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly elected Board of Directors, unanimously passed the Amended and Restate Articles of Incorporation, and signed this Certificate hereon this 13th day of February 1997.

James Tresh

Jennifer A. Corlett

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROJECT DEAF INDEPENDENCE, INC.

- 1. A meeting of the Board of Directors of Project Deaf Independence, Inc. was held on February 13, 1997.
- 2. Members of the Board present included: James Tresh, Jennifer Corlett, and Roy S. Trif. No Members of the Board were absent.
- 3. The Board considered and unanimously passed the Amended and Restate Articles of Incorporation of Project Deaf Independence, Inc. attached hereto.
- 4. The Board unanimously delegated Roy Trif the authority to serve as acting Secretary of the Corporation until a subsequent meeting of the Board is held for the purpose of electing officers and adopting by-laws of the Corporation.

Roy S. Trif, Acting Secretary

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