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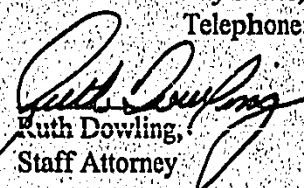
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SUBJECT: *North Florida Veterans Research Corporation, Inc.*

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for \$105.00 to cover costs associated with filing fees, designation of Registered Agent and a certified copy of the Articles.

FROM: *Ruth Dowling, Esquire (02)*
Office of Regional Counsel
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
10,000 Bay Pines Blvd.
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Telephone: (813) 398-9390


Ruth Dowling,
Staff Attorney

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Check in the amount of \$105.00
Designation of Registered Agent

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NORTH FLORIDA VETERANS RESEARCH CORPORATION, INC.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is:

NORTH FLORIDA VETERANS RESEARCH CORPORATION, INC.

ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

801 South Marion Street
Lake City, Florida 32025-5898

ARTICLE III
PURPOSES

The corporation is a non-profit corporation and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of, and in compliance with, Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Such purposes shall include:

- (a) To conduct medical research, including investigations, experiments and studies to discover, develop or verify knowledge relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment or control of physical or mental diseases and impairments of mankind, in conjunction with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 801 South Marion Street, Lake City, Florida, 32025-5898; and
- (b) To make the results of such research available to the scientific and general public by means of research communications in recognized journals widely distributed to libraries and the medical community, and by means of scientific lectures and open meetings organized by the corporation; and
- (c) To provide a flexible mechanism for the receipt and administration of research funds, not appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs, for the conduct of approved VA related research and educational activities.

ARTICLE IV
MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows:

(a) The Medical Center Director, Chief of Staff, and Coordinator for Research at the VA Medical Center located at 801 South Marion Street, Lake City, Florida 32025-5898, shall be permanent members of the Board of Directors in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

(b) At least two persons who are not officers or employees of the Federal Government and who are familiar with issues involving medical research shall be members of the Board of Directors. Their term of office shall be set by a quorum of the voting members of the Board of Directors and approved by the Medical Center Director.

(c) The Board of Directors may from time-to-time elect, by a quorum of the voting members, additional members to the Board of Directors. Their term of office shall be set by a quorum of the voting members of the Board of Directors and approved by the Medical Center Director.

ARTICLE V
LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The Corporation shall retain all powers listed in Florida Statute 617.0302, without limitation.

ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED AGENT

The registered office shall be: District Counsel, Office of Regional Counsel (02), Department of Veterans Affairs, 10,000 Bay Pines Boulevard, Bay Pines, Florida, 33744. The registered agent shall be: Ruth Dowling, Esquire.

ARTICLE VII
NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be and whose addresses are:

Alline L. Norman, Medical Center Director
Rt. 21, Box 448
Lake City, Florida 32024

James M. Schlehr, M.D.
Acting Chief of Staff
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Girish Bhaskar, M.D.
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P.O. Box 3117
Lake City, Florida 32056

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Kenneth L. Vanous, Administrative Assistant, Chief of
Staff (Ex-Officio)
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ARTICLE VIII
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The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of
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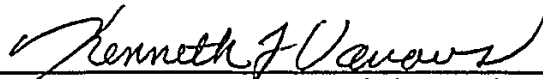
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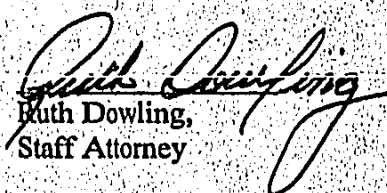
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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 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: ***North Florida Veterans Research Corporation, Inc.***
2. The Name and Address of the Registered Agent is: ***Ruth Dowling, Esquire, (02), Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 10,000 Bay Pines Blvd., Bay Pines, FL, 33744.***

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.


Ruth Dowling,
Staff Attorney

March 10, 1997

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