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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC. a Florida not-for-profit corporation

The undersigned natural persons over the age of twenty-one years, acting as incorporator of **FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC.**, each being citizens of the United States and citizens and residents of the State of Florida, have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together in order to form a non-stock not-for-profit corporation under and pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (1993), for the purpose stated below, and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION; ADDRESS

The name of the corporation is **FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS**, **INC.** The corporation may from time to time be referred to, or may refer to itself, by its acronym, **FSA**.

The street address and mailing address of the initial principal office of the corporation is 2265 Lee Road, Suite 103, Winter Park, Florida 32789. The location of the principal office of the corporation may be changed, from time to time, by action of the Board of Directors of the corporation, but must be located within a county of the State of Florida where the corporation has active members.

ARTICLE II COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE; DURATION

The existence of the corporation shall commence on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The duration of the corporation's existence shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

The general purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

(a) To promote, foster, and encourage the development, welfare and interest of professional accountants and other tax professionals in the State of Florida.

- (b) To educate its members and the public-at-large in the advancements and improvements in the arts and sciences of accounting, and the beneficial uses of accounting and tax advice services.
- (c) To develop and encourage high standards of service and conduct among professional accountants and other tax professionals so as to preserve and enhance the public's awareness of accountants as valued professional advisors;
- (d) To promote and encourage educational programs, training, and support of professional accountants and other tax professionals, including preparing, distributing and disseminating all forms of communication through newsletters, literature, pamphlets, magazines, books, seminars, forums, panels and discussion groups, directly or indirectly, to advance the level of competence among professional accountants and other tax professionals, and giving instruction in accounting, bookkeeping, taxation, and other subjects which relate to the preparation of an individual for trained service as a tax and accounting professional;
- (e) To maintain local chapters of districts to advance the purposes and programs of the corporation, promoting at a local level the welfare and needs of the membership in all matters affecting the welfare and betterment of the membership and the general public of the State of Florida;
- (f) To promote the general public's understanding and appreciation of professional accountants and other professionals and the services they render;
- (g) To take any action necessary or helpful to the accomplishment of any of the foregoing purposes and to transact any or all lawful business for which a corporation may be incorporated under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE IV NOT-FOR-PROFIT NATURE

This corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit and shall not have the authority to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends. No part of the net earnings or reserves of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer or individual except as otherwise provided by law, or shall be distributed, upon dissolution of the corporation or any other event, to any of its members, directors, or officers except as permitted and authorized by a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications of members and the manner of their admission to membership in the corporation are as follows:

- (a) <u>Qualification of Members.</u> The incorporator and such other persons qualified under the by-laws of the corporation as determined by its Board of Directors shall be eligible for membership in the corporation.
- (b) Manner of Admission of Members. A person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity eligible for membership in the corporation is required to submit a written application for membership, on a form prescribed by the Board of Directors, to the Secretary and to tender payment of the initial fee, if any, and membership dues, if any, established by the Board of Directors. The Board shall make a determination of the applicant's eligibility for membership under the by-laws of the corporation. If the Board determines that the applicant is eligible, and finds that the written application and tender of payment are in order, it will elect the applicant to membership in the corporation and cause a non-transferable Certificate of Membership to be issued to the applicant, who shall then commence to be a member.
- (c) <u>Classification of Members</u>. The by-laws of the corporation may provide for one or more classes of membership and may prescribe the relative rights (including voting rights), privileges and obligations of each class.

ARTICLE VI INCORPORATOR

The name and residence of the person forming this corporation is:

Curtis Lee O'Neal 2265 Lee Road, Suite 103 Winter Park, Florida 32789

ARTICLE VII MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATION

(a) <u>Board of Directors.</u> All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a board of directors, each of the members of which must be member in good standing of the corporation. The number of members of the initial Board of Directors shall be four (4), but such number may be decreased (but not below three(3) or increased to any odd number, by action of a majority of the members. The following members shall serve as the initial Board of Directors until his successors are elected in accordance with the provisions of the corporation's by-laws:

Curtis Lee O'Neal 2265 Lee Road, Suite 103 Winter Park, Florida 32810

The qualifications, term of office, duties, and method of election of the Board of Directors shall be prescribed in the By-Laws. All acts of the Board of Directors shall be subject to ratification and approval by the general membership, as provided in the By-Laws.

(b) Officers. The Board of Directors may, from time to time delegate so much of its general management duties as it deems advisable to the officers of the corporation, which shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected annually by the corporation's Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting of the Board following the annual meeting of the members of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII BY-LAWS

The by-laws of the corporation are to be made, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the members in good standing entitled to vote at the regular annual or any special meeting of the membership of the corporation, or by the Board of Directors of the corporation. Any by-law made or amended by the Board of Directors shall be effective, and any by-law rescinded by the Board of Directors shall cease to be effective, only until the next regular annual or special meeting of the membership of the corporation, at which time the action taken by the Board of Directors shall either be ratified or nullified.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members of the corporation in good standing and entitled to vote at any regular annual or special meeting of the members of the corporation.

ARTICLE X INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 2265 Lee Road, Suite 103, Winter Park, Florida 32789 and the name of its registered agent at that address is Curtis L. O'Neal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my signature this 22nd of January, 1998.

Curtis Lee O'Neal

2265 Lee Road, Suite 103 Winter Park, Florida 32789

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the State of Florida authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared CURTIS LEE O'NEAL, who are personally known to me or who produced the identification and whom acknowledged to me that he signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as his voluntary act and deed.

Curtis Lee O'Neal

Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: ALPHONSE. A CHENELER

Commission Expires:

ALPHONSE CHENELER My Commission CC467305 Expires Jun. 28, 1999 Bonded by HAI 800-422-1555

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

Pursuant to Section 48.091, Florida Statutes (1993), the following is submitted:

That FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its initial registered office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, has named CURTIS L. O'NEAL, located at 2265 Lee Road, Suite 103, Winter Park, Florida 32789, as its agent to accept service of process within the state.

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC. a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

By: Cutto See OSpal

Print Name: CUETTS LEE O'WEAL

Print Title: PRESIDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 22nd day of January, 1998, by Curtis Lee O'Neal of FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: ALTHONSE & CHENERER

Commission expires:

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ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION

Having been named as agent to accept service of process for the corporation named above, at the place designated in this Certificate, I agree to act in that capacity and to comply with the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act relative to keeping open the registered office of the corporation.

Curtis L. O'Neal

as Registered Agent

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