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Articles of Incorporation of

DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

a Not-For-Profit corporation

Our File No. 94612.000

Dear Sir/Madam:

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> Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the subject Articles of Incorporation. Upon filing, please return certified copy of the Articles to the undersigned.

> A check in the amount of \$122.50 is enclosed in payment of the following fees:

Filing fees 35.00 Certified copy of Articles 52.50 Registered Agent Designation 35.00

\$122.50

Your prompt assistance in this matter greatly appreciated.

truly yours,

Legal Assistant

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William F. Smith, Ph.D. cc: Peter R. Ray, Esq.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned subscriber, desiring to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I

# NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation shall be DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. For convenience, the corporation is hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation." The principal address for the Corporation shall be at 1417 - 10th Street, Lake Park, Florida 33403.

# ARTICLE II

# PURPOSES AND POWERS

The objects and purposes of the Corporation are as follows:

- A. The Corporation is not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings, if any, shall inure to the benefit of any Member or individual person, firm or corporation and the Corporation is to be formed exclusively for the purpose of receiving and administering funds for scientific, educational and/or charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- B. The Corporation shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit.

C. The Corporation shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement its purposes, including but not limited to, the following:

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- To carry out all the powers and duties vested in the Corporation pursuant to these Articles and the By-Laws of the Corporation;
- 2. To do all things necessary to carry out the operation of the Corporation as a natural person might or could do and to exercise and enjoy all the powers, rights and privileges granted to or conferred upon corporations of similar character by the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes;
- D. The Corporation is not authorized for profit, nor shall it have the power to issue certificates of stock or pay dividends, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall be distributed, upon dissolution or otherwise, to any individual. The Corporation may pay compensation in reasonable amounts to its Members, Directors or officers, for services, including pensions. No compensation shall be paid to Directors for their services as Directors; however, compensation may be paid to a director in his or her capacity as an officer or employee or for services rendered to the Corporation outside of his or her duties as a Director. such case, however, said Director shall not be permitted to vote on said compensation. The Board of Directors shall have the right to set and pay all salaries or compensation to be paid to officers, employees, agents or attorneys for services rendered to the Corporation.

E. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Members, directors, 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 hereof.

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#### ARTICLE III

## MEMBERS AND VOTING RIGHTS

- A. The qualification for Members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-Laws for this Corporation.
- B. The By-laws of the Corporation shall provide for annual meetings of Members, and may make provision for regular and special meetings of Members in addition to the annual meetings. The presence at any meeting of Members, in person or by proxy, entitled to cast fifty (50%) percent of the votes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

# ARTICLE IV

#### CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE V

## DIRECTORS

A. <u>Directors</u>: The property, business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of as many persons as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine but not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) persons.

B. Election and Appointment of Directors: The Director(s) of the Corporation, in accordance with any applicable provisions of the By-laws, shall serve for three (3) years or until qualified successors are duly elected and have taken office. The By-Laws may provide for the method of voting in the Director's election, for the removal from office of any Director, for filling vacancies, and for the duties of the Director(s). If the office of any Director shall become vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors may elect or appoint an individual to fill such vacancy under the procedure set forth in the By-Laws.

c. Original Board of Directors: The names and addresses of the first Board of Director(s) of the Corporation are as follows:

WILLIAM F. SMITH, PHD

1417 - 10th Street Lake Park, FL 33403

ALBERT C. VITALE

6370-D Chasewood Dr. Jupiter, FL 33458

CHRISTINE LEFHOLZ

10205 - 150th Court No. Jupiter, FL 33478

#### ARTICLE VI

# **OFFICERS**

- A. Officers: The Corporation shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers and agents as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem desirable consistent with the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- B. <u>Election and Appointment of Officers</u>: The Officers of the Corporation, in accordance with any applicable provisions of the By-Laws, shall serve for one (1) year or until qualified successors are duly elected and have taken office. The By-Laws may

provide for the method of voting in the Officer's election, for the removal from office of Officers, for filing vacancies, and for the duties of the Officers. If any office shall become vacant for any reason, the board of Directors may elect or appoint an individual to fill such vacancy under the procedure set forth in the By-Laws. The same person may hold two or more offices.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors shall adopt By-Laws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Such By-laws may be altered, amended or repealed by the Membership in the manner set forth in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Any amendment to these Articles of Incorporation shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the votes of the entire Membership; provided, however, that: (a) no amendment shall make any change in the qualifications for Membership or the voting rights of the Members without the written approval or affirmative vote of all Members of the Corporation; and (b) that these Articles shall not be amended in any manner which conflicts with the terms, covenants and provisions contained in the purposes and powers set forth in Article II.

#### ARTICLE IX

# INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

To the extent permitted under Florida Law, every Director and every Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the

Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any proceeding or any settlement thereof to which such person may be a party or may become involved by reason of being or having been a Director or Officer of the Corporation, whether or not a Director or Officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or Officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance of malfeasance in the performance of his duty; provided that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification provided for herein shall apply only if and when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all right of indemnification to which such Director or Officer may be entitled under statute or common law.

# ARTICLE X

# TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED

No contract or transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its Directors or Officers, or between the Corporation any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or Officers are Directors or Officer, or have a financial interest, shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for such reason, or solely because the Director or Officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board or committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. No Director or Officer of the Corporation shall incur liability by

reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of the Corporation is:

WILLIAM F. SMITH, PHD 1417 - 10th Street Lake Park, FL 33403

#### ARTICLE XII

# INITIAL PLACE OF BUSINESS, REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The initial principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 1417 - 10th Street, Lake Park, Florida 33403 or such other place, within or without the State of Florida, as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors. The initial registered agent shall be PETER R. RAY and the initial address of the registered agent shall be 712 U.S. Highway One, Suite 400, North Palm Beach, Florida 33408.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Incorporator has hereunto set his hand this  $\frac{13^{\frac{+h}{2}}}{}$  day of  $\frac{march}{}$ , 1998.

WILLIAM F. SMITH, PHD, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1998.

Notary Public

Print Name LARISSA K. LINCOLN

My Commission Expires\_

CARY PUS OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL LARISSA K LINCOLN COMMISSION NUMBER CC367575 MY COMMISSION EXP. MAY 19,1998

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

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, INC., at the initial registered office of the Corporation in this State designated in its Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of Section §617.0501 Florida Statutes.

Dated: 3/17/98

PETER R. RAY, Registered Agent

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