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April 15, 1998

DANNY J. CASADY P.O. BOX 1289 ROOM R100 TAMPA, FL 33601

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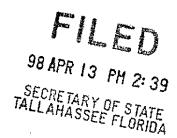
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

FLORIDA SPINAL CORD INJURY ASSOCIATION, INC.

(A Corporation Not For Profit)

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act (pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes), hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Florida Spinal Cord Injury Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be located at Tampa General Rehabilitation Center (Room R100), Davis Island, Tampa, Florida 33606. The mailing address of the corporation shall be Post Office Box 1289, Room R100, Tampa, Florida 33601.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are to establish and maintain a self-help organization to provide information and charitable assistance to survivors of spinal cord injury in Florida. The means of providing such assistance includes, but is not limited to, maintaining an information and referral clearinghouse to develop, organize and disseminate information about spinal cord injury and other relevant resources that is open to the public.

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV. MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The number of initial directors appointed for this corporation shall be three. The initial board members will serve until the first annual meeting is held to elect directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority vote of the existing members, provided that the corporation shall always have at least three directors. The members of the corporation may remove any director from office at any time with or without just cause. The names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Danny J. Casady 9403 Edenton Way Tampa, FL 33626 Dale Santella 2425 Arapaho St. Sarasota, FL 34231 Mary Twohey 2343 Wilshire Dr. Palm Harbor, FL 34683

ARTICLE V. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and street address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is:

Danny J. Casady Florida SCI Resource Center Tampa General Rehab Center Davis Island, Room R100 Tampa, FL 33606

ARTICLE VI. INCORPORATOR

The name and mailing address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

Danny J. Casady Florida SCI Resource Center Tampa General Rehab Center P.O. Box 1289, Room R100 Tampa, FL 33601

ARTICLE VII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Additional provisions for the operation of the corporation are as follows:

DURATION OF CORPORATION

The corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing on April 3, 1998.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership provisions of this corporation shall be stated in the Bylaws of this corporation. The initial members of the corporation shall be the initial directors named herein and such other persons as, from time to time hereafter, may become members, upon the qualifications and in the manner as provided in the corporation's by-laws.

POWERS

The corporation shall have all powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporations not-for-profit, as such laws currently exist or may be enacted in the future.

NON-STOCK BASIS

The corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis.

USE OF INCOME

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this 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 these Articles.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

The undersigned incorporator hereby declares under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Danny J. Casady, Signature/Incorporator

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.

Danny J. Casady, Signature/Registered Agent

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