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Division of Corporations  
Secretary of State  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Filing of Articles of Incorporation for The Worldwide Virtual  
Community of the Disabled (a Not For Profit Corporation), INC.

Dear Division of Corporations:

I am enclosing \$70.00 for the filing of the Articles of Incorporation for The  
Worldwide Virtual Community of the Disabled (a Not For Profit Corporation), INC.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Terri Pinardi*

Terri Pinardi  
Legal Assistant to  
John W. Bakas, Jr.

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Enclosures

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

*June 18, 98*

**ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE WORLDWIDE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY  
OF THE DISABLED, INC.  
(a Not For Profit Corporation)**

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I, the undersigned incorporator hereby make, acknowledge, and file with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of the Corporation is:

**THE WORLDWIDE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY  
OF THE DISABLED, INC.**

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

This corporation is organized exclusively for the following purposes:

1. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

2. Within the above described charitable, educational and scientific purposes, this corporation is organized exclusively for purposes of improving the personal networking and communication skills of people who are disabled; providing a virtual computer-based community of and for all people who are disabled; and fostering research, public education, knowledge and use of assistive technology, employment and telecommuting.

3. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 paragraph 1 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

4. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

5. No one will be denied services on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, family status, or religion.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have members and classes of members, but no class of members shall have any voting rights. Membership can be terminated voluntarily by written notice to the corporation's president or involuntarily by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. The initial founding members are as follows:

Jeffrey A. Redding  
4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

Lisa R. Moore  
4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

William A. Redding  
6089 Coral Way  
Bradenton, FL

#### **ARTICLE IV TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The term for which this corporation is to exist shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved pursuant to law.

#### **ARTICLE V BUSINESS ADDRESS**

The street address of the principal office of this corporation shall be located in Sarasota County, FL at:

4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

The Post Office mailing address of the corporation is:

4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

## **ARTICLE VI DIRECTORS**

This corporation shall have three (3) Director(s) initially. The number of Directors may be increased or diminished from time to time, by the Bylaws of the corporation. Directors shall be elected and removed from office by the Board of Directors as provided by the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII Number and Names of Initial Directors**

The Board of Directors shall comprise not less than three directors. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

Jeffrey A. Redding  
4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

Lisa R. Moore  
4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

William A. Redding  
6089 Coral Way  
Bradenton, FL

## **ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS**

The Corporation shall have a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Board of Directors as provided by the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE IX NON-STOCK BASIS**

This corporation is organized and shall be operated on a non-stock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and shall

not have the power to issue shares of any type, but may issue membership certificates if so provided in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE X QUORUM**

The Bylaws may reduce the quorum of any meeting to less than a majority but no fewer than one-third of the prescribed number of directors or committee members.

## **ARTICLE XI Initial Registered Agent and Registered Office**

The name of the corporation's initial registered agent and street address of the corporation's initial registered office is:

**REGISTERED AGENT:**

Jeffrey A. Redding

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

## **ARTICLE XII Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator for these articles of incorporation is:

Jeffrey A. Redding  
4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, as of this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1998,  
the Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

BY: 

Jeffrey A. Redding, as Incorporator

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 AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

**THE WORLDWIDE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY  
OF THE DISABLED, INC.**  
(a Not For Profit Corporation)

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

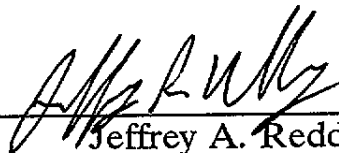
Jeffrey A. Redding

Street: 4009 Maverick Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34233

Office: (941) 377-9083

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*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 obligation of my position as registered agent.*

  
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Jeffrey A. Redding

April 20~~th~~ 1998