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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

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THE UNDERSIGNED incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation, being a natural person competent to contract is desirous of forming a Corporation Not for Profit, pursuant to Chapter 617, of the Laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation shall be:

THE ALS ASSOCIATION FLORIDA GULF COAST CHAPTER, INC.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The principal office of said Corporation shall be located at 5741 Bee Ridge Road, #490, Sarasota, Florida 34233. The Directors of the Corporation may change the location of the principal office of said Corporation from time to time.

REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE: The registered office of the Corporation shall be located at 5835 Fairwoods Circle, Sarasota, Florida 34243, and the registered agent shall be Harvey Stulmaker.

ARTICLE III

NON-PROFIT PURPOSE: This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3), including as the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as tax exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code; and is authorized to exercise such powers as are in furtherance of its exempt status and for purposes for which a Corporation may be formed under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

PURPOSES: The purpose of the Corporation shall be, within the Southwest area of Florida, to function as part of and to further the objectives and purposes of The ALS Association, as stated in the ALS Association's Certificate of Incorporation and its Bylaws and as established by its policies and operating procedures, including:

- a. To enlarge the body of knowledge relating to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis disease ("ALS");
- b. to educate and inform the general public as to the nature of ALS;

c. To help the patient and the patient's family to live as full and normal a life as possible;

d. to aid patients through the loan of equipment or by other means;

e. to encourage scientific research for the prevention, alleviation, care, treatment and cure of ALS patients;

f. to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or advancement thereof, but not for pecuniary profit or financial gain of those members, directors or officers; and

g. to do all the above, alone or in connection with others interested in the same subject.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS: This corporation shall have and exercise all the powers of non-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are convenient or necessary to effect the purposes of the corporation.

LIMITATIONS ON POWERS:

(1) No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall be distributable to or inure to the benefit of, 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 Article III hereof.

(2) No substantial part of the organization's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation.

(3) The Corporation shall not directly or indirectly 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.

(4) The Corporation may not pursue objectives or engage in activities which will characterize it as an action organization.

(5) 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 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION:

Section 1. The initial members of the corporation shall be the incorporators as set forth in Article VIII hereof. The membership shall be open to all persons interested in the objectives of the corporation.

Section 2. The By-Laws of the corporation may prescribe additional qualifications for membership and may provide for additional classes of members.

ARTICLE VI

TERM OF EXISTENCE: The term for which this Corporation is to exist shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved pursuant to provisions of Florida Statute 617, as Amended.

ARTICLE VII

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION: The assets of the Corporation are dedicated to the exempt educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of IRC 501(c)(3) described in Article III above. 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 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 the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INCORPORATORS: The name and address of each incorporator to these Articles is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Harvey Stulmaker	5835 Fairwoods Circle Sarasota, Florida 34243

ARTICLE XI

DIRECTORS: The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a governing Board called the Board of Directors, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled until the next Annual Meeting, in such manner as provided by the By-Laws. The number of Directors shall initially be three (3). The number may be increased as provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation, but shall never be fewer than three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as initial directors are:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Edwin H. Sperber	5945 Clubside Drive Sarasota, FL 34243
Harvey Stulmaker	5835 Fairwoods Circle Sarasota, FL 34243
Cheryl L. Gordon	c/o Abel, Band, Russell, Collier, Pitchford & Gordon, Chartered P.O. Box 49948 Sarasota, FL 34230-6948

ARTICLE XII


BY-LAWS: The By-Laws of this Corporation may be altered, amended or repealed, and new By-Laws may be adopted by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors present and voting at any regular Annual Meeting of the Corporation, or at any Special Meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIV

INDEMNIFICATION: The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, administrative or investigative (whether or not by or in the right of the Corporation), by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, against any and all expenses (including attorney's fees, Court costs and appellate costs and fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, except for an officer or director who is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or willful malfeasance in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal

representatives of such person. Provided however, that if any past or present officer or director sues the Corporation, other than to enforce this indemnification, such past or present director or officer instituting such suit shall not have the right of indemnification hereunder in connection with such suit. The Corporation is authorized to purchase insurance to provide funds for the indemnification hereinabove set forth, and, if such insurance is purchased but the proceeds of the same are not sufficient to cover the cost of indemnification, then the deficiency shall be paid from Corporate funds. If there are no funds available to pay the cost of the indemnification or deficiency resulting from insufficient insurance coverage, then the Board of Directors shall assess the membership to cover such costs. This indemnification is an absolute right, and such assessments shall be made notwithstanding any other provisions contained herein to the contrary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator, has hereunto executed these Articles this 1st day of August, 1998, for the purpose of forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and hereby makes and files in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation and certify that the facts herein stated are true.


Harvey Stulmaker

"INCORPORATOR"

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at the registered office designated in the Articles, I hereby accept such designation and agree to serve as Registered Agent.


Harvey Stulmaker

"REGISTERED AGENT"