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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT:

ABSTAINERS, INCORPORATED

(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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\*\*\*\*\*70.00 \*\*\*\*\*70.00

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☒ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certificate of Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate of  
Status

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
ABSTAINERS, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is ABSTAINERS, INCORPORATED, hereafter referred to as Abstainers, Inc., or the "Corporation", or the "Organization". The address of the initial principal office of the Corporation is: 438 West Brevard Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The Board of Directors may from time to time redesignate the principal office.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

The purpose for which the Organization is organized is to assist persons addicted to or who abuse alcoholic beverages to achieve long-term sobriety, through a program which includes assurance of compliance with a regimen of prescribed chemotherapy and unique programs of personal therapy designed to support abstinence; further, to evaluate the effectiveness of the corporations programs and those otherwise available, and to undertake other research in order to refine and develop effective treatment and abstinence techniques. It is the intent of the Organization to make its services available to persons without regard to their ability to pay for those services. It is the intention that the services of the Corporation shall be first made available to the citizens of Leon and contiguous counties in Florida, and thereafter throughout the state of Florida and in other states. The Organization is created to operate exclusively for the foregoing charitable purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future tax code.

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The Organization may do all acts and things requisite, necessary, proper and desirable to carry out and further the purpose for which it is created; and, in general, may have all the rights, privileges and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits of the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America applicable to corporations of this character including, but not limited to, the powers described in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

All of the above and foregoing are to be construed both as objects and powers, and it is expressly provided that the specific objects and powers enumerated herein shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers of the Organization. Each and all of the objects, purposes and powers of the Organization, however, shall be exercised, construed and limited in their application to accomplish the purpose for which the Organization is formed.

#### ARTICLE III. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

This corporation is not organized as a membership organization.

#### ARTICLE V. MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Shelter shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than three (3) and not more than seven (7) directors. The number of directors to be seated at any given time shall be provided for in the By-Laws. The officers shall be elected by the Board from among its number. These shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; additional offices may be provided for in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

An amendment to these Articles of Incorporation may be made when proposed by any Director, and if approved at any regular or special meeting of Directors by a majority of directors then in office. Not less than fifteen (15) days written notice setting forth the proposed amendment and its purpose shall have been given to all directors by U. S. Mail prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered, such notice to be addressed to Directors' addresses as shown in the records of the Organization. An amendment to the By-Laws may be made when proposed by a Director, at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, if approved by a majority of directors present, provided that a quorum is present and that the notice requirements provided for amendments to articles of incorporation are met.

## ARTICLE VIII. OTHER PROVISIONS

In furtherance, but not in limitation, of the powers conferred by statute, the following provisions are made for the regulation of the activities of the Shelter:

1. The Organization shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity, that would invalidate its status as a corporation which is exempt from Federal income taxation as an organization created for the purposes above stated.

2. No part of the net earnings of the Organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to, any officer, director, or any private person, whether during the period of the Organization's existence, or upon its dissolution, and no such person shall, as such, at any time have or receive, or be entitled to have or receive, any proprietary interest in, or part of, the Organization's property or assets or any pecuniary profit or particular benefit from the Organization; provided, however, that compensation may be paid for any services rendered to,

and reimbursement may be made for any expenses incurred on behalf of the Shelter by any officer, director, agent, or employee, or any other person or corporation, pursuant to and upon authorization of the Board of Directors.

3. No substantial part of the activities of the Organization shall include the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; and the Organization 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.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. References to Code sections shall be construed as references to corresponding provisions of any future tax code.

#### ARTICLE IX. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Organization, all of its assets and property of every nature and description whatsoever remaining after the payment of liabilities and obligations of the Organization, but not including assets held by the Organization under condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance which occurs by reason of the dissolution of the Organization, 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 provision of any future tax code, or shall be distributed 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 in Leon County, Florida,

to an organization or organizations which are operated exclusively for such exempt purposes.  
No portion of said assets and property shall enure to the benefit of any officer or director of the  
Organization or any enterprise organized for profit.

Wherefore, the foregoing were adopted as the Articles of Incorporation of Abstainers,  
Inc., by the following incorporators on the 19 day of March, 1999, at Tallahassee, Leon  
County, Florida.

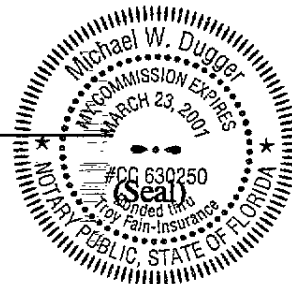
*Sherryl Leigh Lapping*  
Sherryl Leigh Lapping, Incorporator  
438 West Broadway St  
Tallahassee FL 32303


STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were executed before me this 19 day of  
March, 1999, by Sherryl Leigh Lapping, who is: (check one) ( ☒ ) known to me, or ( )  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and she acknowledged before  
me that she executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed, and she did not take  
an oath.

*[Signature]*

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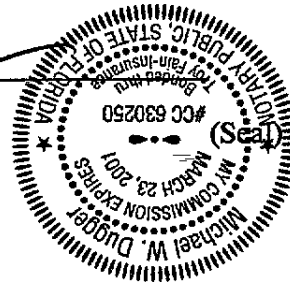


  
Lloyd Wayne Lapping, Incorporator  
438 W. Brevard St  
Tallahassee FL 32303

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were executed before me this 19 day of March, 1999, by Lloyd Wayne Lapping, who is: (check one) ☒ known to me, or ( ) produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and he acknowledged before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed, and he did not take an oath.

  
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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT AND 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 office and registered agent in the State of Florida:

- 1) The name of the corporation is:

Abstainers, Incorporated

- 2) The name of the registered agent is:

Sherryl L. Lapping

- 3) The street address of the registered office is:

438 West Brevard Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

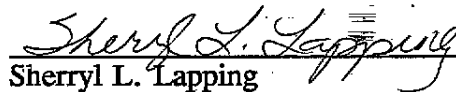
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HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE 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 PURSUANT TO SECTION 617.0503, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND OTHER RELEVANT PROVISIONS.

Dated this 19 day of March, 1999.

  
Sherryl L. Lapping