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April 21, 1999

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

Attention: Filing Section

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed are Articles of Incorporation, along with our check in the amount of \$35.00. Please file the same and notify us when the Charter has been approved.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation

Sincerely,

William M. LauBach, Esq.

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

April 23, 1999

WILLIAM M. LAUBACH, ESQ. PINELLAS COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOC. 14450 46TH STREET N SUITE 115 CLEARWATER, FL 33762-2921

SUBJECT: PINELLAS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CHARITIES, INC. Ref. Number: W99000009656

We have received your document for PINELLAS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CHARITIES, INC. and check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, your check(s) and document are being returned for the following:

We are returning your check for \$35.00 to be replaced by one in the correct amount of \$70.00.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6923.

Letter Number: 799A00021524

Doris McDuffie Corporate Specialist Supervisor

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF PINELLAS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CHARITIES, INC.

The undersigned person, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the corporation:

# **ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is PINELLAS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMEN CHARITIES, INC.

# ARTICLE II

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

# **ARTICLE III**

This corporation is a not for profit corporation. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of charitable, benevolent, eleemosynary, educational and amateur athletic purposes by distribution of funds for those purposes. In addition, to distribute from contributions for the support of widows and orphans of police officers killed in the line of duty or who die at a young age of natural causes as a result of the extraordinary pressures created by their occupation or for the payment of costs and expenses of medical emergencies, both psychiatric and physical, of police officers.
- (b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes which will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for those purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under that Code.
- (c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the board of directors. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collecting dues and assessments shall be regulated in the bylaws.

#### <u>ARTICLE V</u>

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 14450 46<sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 115, City of Clearwater, County of Pinellas, State of Florida. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is William M. LauBach.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be no less than three (3); provided, however, that the number of directors may be increased by a bylaw duly adopted pursuant to the bylaws of this corporation.

The directors named here as the first board of directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members, and until their successors have been elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation, removal from office, inability to act, or death.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all subsequent times, shall serve for a term of three (3) years until the second annual meeting of members following the election of directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held on the first business day following the end of the calendar year at the principal office of the corporation, or at any other place or places designated by the board of directors by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board individually or collectively consent in writing to the action. Written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action taken in this manner shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of directors without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to act in this manner. This statement shall be prima facie evidence of the directors' authority.

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

J.W. "Jack" Soule 14450 46th Street North, Suite 115, Clearwater,

Florida, 33762

Mark Deasaro 14450 46th Street North, Suite 115, Clearwater,

Florida, 33762

Terry Heath 14450 46<sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 115, Clearwater,

Florida, 33762

# ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

William M. LauBach, Esq.

14450 46<sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 115, Clearwater, Florida, 33762

#### ARTICLE VIII

The board of directors shall elect the following officers: President, Senior Vice-President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and any other officers which the bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to elect. Initially, officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of directors. Until that election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

J.W. "Jack" Soule	14450 46 <sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 115 Clearwater, Florida 33762	President
Mark Deasaro	14450 46 <sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 115 Clearwater, Florida 33762	Senior Vice President
Terry Heath	14450 46th Street North, Suite 115	Executive Vice President
Tracey Schofield	14450 46 <sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 115 Clearwater, Florida 33762	Secretary
Steve Corbet	14450 46 <sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 115 Clearwater, Florida 33762	Treasurer

#### ARTICLE IX

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Not For Profit Corporation Act of Florida described above, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, the bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of directors or by following the procedure set forth in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE X**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

On the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for

charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

### **ARTICLE XII**

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the board of directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds of a quorum of members of the corporation.

I, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida, have executed these articles of incorporation on the 2/ day of 4900, 1999.

WILLIAM M. LAUBACH, ESQ. 14450 46<sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 115

Clearwater, Florida 33762 [Tel] - 727 - 532-1722

[Fax] - 727 - 530-4816

FBN: 005398

STATE OF FLORIDA

**COUNTY OF PINELLAS** 

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation was acknowledged before me this <u>21</u> day of <u>Oppul</u>, 1999 by William M. LauBach, who is personally known to me.

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

Pursuant to Sections 617.0501, Florida Statutes, PINELLAS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CHARITIES, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated William M. LauBach, whose address is 14450 46th Street North, Suite 115, Clearwater, Florida 33762, as its agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process PINELLAS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CHARITIES, INC. at the location of 14450 46th Street North, Suite 115, Clearwater, Florida 33762, William M. LauBach hereby accepts to act in this capacity, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes, and agrees to comply with the laws of Florida applicable thereto.

WILLIAM M. LAUBACH, REGISTERED AGENT

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