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Venice High All Class Reunion, Inc.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF VENICE HIGH ALL CLASS REUNION, INC.

### A Florida Corporation Not for Profit

The undersigned incorporators of these Article of Incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate themselves together to form a Corporation Not for Profit pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Laws of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

The name of the Corporation shall be: VENICE HIGH ALL CLASS REUNION, INC.

## ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The principal office of said Corporation shall be located at 209 San Marco Drive, Venice, FL 34285. The Directors of the Corporation may change the location of the principal office of said Corporation from time to time. The registered office of the Corporation shall be 1680 Fruitville Rd., Suite 102, Sarasota, FL 34236 and the registered agent shall be Chad L. Gates whose business address is 1680 Fruitville Rd., Suite 102, Sarasota, FL 34236.

#### **ARTICLE III**

<u>PURPOSES</u>: The object and purposes of the Corporation and the general nature of its activities shall be as follows:

1. To have and exercise all the rights and powers conferred on non-profit corporations pursuant to Chapter 617 and 607 of the laws of the State of Florida now in effect or may at anytime hereafter be amended.

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- 2. To do all other acts without limitation which are necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attaintment of the goals and purposes of this Corporation.
- 3. To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, improve, construct, own, hold, use maintain, operate, exchange, encumber, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of, real and personal property of every kind, nature, or description, as may be necessary or desirable to promote the primary purpose of this corporation.
- 4. To make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount, with any persons, firm, association, corporation, municipality, state, government, or municipal or political subdivision.

The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as a statement of both purposes and powers, and the purposes and powers stated in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by any reference to or inference from the terms or provisions of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation as set forth in Article III, and nothing contained in the foregoing statement of purposes shall be to authorize this corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of its members, or to distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to its members as such, except for distribution of assets on dissolution and winding up.

# RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATE PURPOSE:

- 1. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to receive and maintain real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- 2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, an Director, Officer, or member of the corporation, or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation, and reasonable expenses may be paid thereto, affecting one or more

of the corporation's purposes), and no Director or Officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. Not substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall include the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall neither participate nor intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf f any candidate for public office, at any time.

- 3. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on dun distributed income imposed by Section 4842 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- 4. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- 5. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- 6. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- 7. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities no permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- 9. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes o the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for

charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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 the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE IV

<u>POWERS</u>: The Corporation shall have and exercise all the powers of non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida which are convenient or necessary to effect the purposes of the Corporation.

<u>LIMITATIONS ON POWERS</u>: 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.

#### ARTICLE V

# QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION:

- Section 1. The initial members of the Corporation shall be the directors set forth in Article IX hereof. The membership shall be open to all persons interested in the objectives of the Corporation, subject to the qualifications for membership set forth in the By-Laws 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.
- Section 3. Prospective members shall be admitted to membership according to procedures and limitation established in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VI

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

#### **ARTICLE VII**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR: The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles is:

Chad L. Gates 1680 Fruitville Rd., Suite 102 Sarasota, FL 34236

#### ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: The affair 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 in such manner as provided by the By-Laws. The officers shall be: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Said officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors. The officers and members of the Board shall perform such duties, hold officer for such terms, and take office at such times as shall be provided by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INITIAL DIRECTORS: The number of Directors shall be initially be four (4). The number may be increased of decreased as provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the personal who shall serve as initial directors until the first election are:

Patti Schmidt 209 San Marco Drive Venice. FL 34285

Carol Dettmore 209 San Marco Drive Venice, FL 34285 Jan Donovan 209 San Marco Drive Venice, FL 34285

Kari Ellingsen 209 San Marco Drive Venice, FL 34285

#### **ARTICLE X**

BY-LAWS: The By-Laws of this Corporation may be altered, amended or repealed, and new By-Laws may be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the initial By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION: These Articles may be amended by a majority of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the corporation, provided, however, that these Articles of Incorporation shall not be amended unless written notice if first given of the proposed Amendment by regular U.S. Mail addressed to each and every member of the Corporation at the address on the official membership log of the corporation, not fewer than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the regular or special meeting of the Corporation; such notice shall be sufficient, if it is published not fewer than ten (10) days or more than thirty (30) days prior to the regular or special meeting of the Corporation, in such publication as may be designated by the Board of Directors as the official journal of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XII

INDEMNIFICATION: The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any threatened, 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 inured by him in connection with such action, suit or proceedings, except for an officer or director who is adjudged guilty or 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 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. indemnification is an absolute right, and such assessments shall be made notwithstanding any other provisions contained herein to the contrary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the undersigned incorporators, having hereunto set our hands and seals this 25 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1999, for the purposes of forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and we hereby make and file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles on Incorporation and certify that the facts herein stated are true.

Chad L. Gates

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SARASOTA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999, by CHAD L-GATES who is personally known to me.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

JUDY PAINGHAUD

MY COMMISSION # CC 456669

EXPIRES: July 23, 1999

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Certificate Designating Place of Business or Domicile for the Service of Process Within This State, Naming Agent Upon Whom Process May Be Served

The following is submitted, in compliance with Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes:

# VENICE HIGH ALL CLASS REUNION, INC.

a non-profit corporation organized (or organizing) under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office at 209 San Marco Drive, Venice, FL 34285, has named CHAD L. GATES, of 1680 Fruitville Rd., Suite 102, Sarasota, FL 34236, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

I agree as Resident Agent to accept Service of Process; to keep office open during prescribed hours; to post my name (and any other officers of said corporation authorized to accept service of process at the above Florida designated address) in some conspicuous place in office as required by Lay.

CHAD L. GATES

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