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Ms BOBBIE COX, NEW CORPORATIONS FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS POST OFFICE BOX 6327 TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32314 03 JULY 1999

Subject: Registration of WHEELCHAIRS FORWARD, a Nonprofit Corporation in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

Dear Ms COX:

Attached herewith please find the ARTICLES of INCORPORATION, the Corporate BYLAWS and filing fee for the registry of WHEELCHAIRS FORWARD as a Not-For-Profit Corporation with your Division.

Founded as a "Bootstrap" association by the handicapped, for improvements in the world of the physically impaired, the WHEELCHAIRS FORWARD organization has targetted certain areas for avant-garde innovations that are not attainable as yet but within reach by aggressive application of present day technologies to create new dimensions in mobility, lift & transfer hospital equipment, computerized wheelchair guidance systems and specialized computer software for training the blind in gainful employment in the Internet. One of the major objectives of WHEELCHAIRS FORWARD shall be to propagate projects and programs to enable participating physically disabled members of our society, not only to gain self esteem and independence but to impart a feeling in all concerned that we are rightfully earning our entry into the mainstream of America.

In your response to the registry of subject corporation it would be greatly appreciated if you include any information, forms or state/federal publications that would assist in the further staffing of this documentation to attain Florida State and IRS tax exempt status. With most sincere thanks.

Respectfully Yours,

Frank D. Martinez, FOUNDER WHEELCHAIRS FORWARD 1304 SUN RUNNER PLACE

PENSACOLA, FL 32504

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Inclosures:

(a) Two copies ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

(b) Two copies CORPORATE BYLAWS

(c) Cashiers \$70.00 Check Registration Fee.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION CORP

ARTICLE 1. NAME.

The name of the corporation is

"WHEELCHAIRS FORWARD, Incorporated"

ARTICLE 2. DURATION.

The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE(S).

The purposes and some of this corporation's projected goals are;

- A. Organized as a NOT-FOR-PROFIT corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, WHEELCHAIRS FORWARD is not established for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes and some of the major goals of this corporations mission are as follows:
- (1) Through extensive use of all available state-of-the-art technologies WHEELCHAIRS FORWARD, henceforth referred to as "WCF", shall conduct developmental research studies, analyze, import, modify, promote, develop and provide for the general enhancement of the quality of life of the physically impaired, particularly the disadvantaged members of our society. Physical impairments shall be construed as defined in the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA).

- (2) WCF plans introduction of new dimensions in mobility for the physically impaired through innovative adaptation of the most advanced technologies to include the latest materiel resources (feather-weight alloys, fabrics, microelectronics) in the inventories of the NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) and the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD).
- (3) Provide the thousands of the handicapped now bound to conventional wheelchairs with small WCF developed compact power drive units that convert a conventioal wheelchair into a battery operated motorized, self propelled, personal vehicle, controlled by the wheelchair occupant by means of a joystick remote control module mounted on the chairs' armrest. Even for persons with severe disabilities, this WCF projected program shall offer the handicapped entry into a new world of freedom and independence.
- (4) For the wheelchair occupant with complex stages of disability, WCF plans to provide above battery operated motorized chair with an on-board computer system permitting automatic self propelled movement over pre-programmed selective travel patterns within a home, office or factory. The only effort required of the wheelchair occupant is to push a destination button on the armrest remote control.

- (5) The major thrust of the recently enacted law, AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, is to bring the long neglected physically disabled citizens into the fold of America's mainstream society. As a major breakthrough in this national effort. WCF has developed concept plans to combine a series of existing technologies into a hybrid system enabling the nations BLIND UNASSISTED ENTRY INTO THE WORLD WIDE WEB of the INTERNET. WCF use of voice recognition computer software to translate a blind persons voice commands to printed text shall facilitate its transmission to any website in the internet. The response message to the blind persons call being received in printed format shall be processed through an electronic optical reader module converting the text message to a voice reply for the benefit of the blind internet operator. This WCF project will be the first to offer the blind a new world of communications heretofore unknown to those unfortunate individuals forced to live in eternal darkness.
- (6) For the handicapped with partial hearing loss WCF projections include an extensive test and evaluation survey to select the most effective hearing aid system available on US and international markets and then, tenaciously pursue subsidized government issue of the selected system to qualified disadvantaged recipients.

For sufferers of profound deafness WCF foresees an agressive promotion program to encourage and fully support the medical professions research on Mastoid Bone surgical procedures in the quest for breakthroughs in our challenging world of deafness.

- B. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by laws of the State of Florida.
- C. Provided, however, that the corporation does not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or to be distributed to its members, directors or officers, but the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated corporate purposes, as outlined in paragraph A, above.

ARTICLE 4. MEMBERS.

The corporation shall have voting members, who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the voting members, and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the corporation. The bylaws shall provide for nonvoting members and who shall have such privileges as set forth in the bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote. The name and address of each voting member is as follows;

Name	Address
Frank D. Martinez	1304 Sun Runner Place
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Erika J. LeLievre	218 Live Oak Street
Money P. O-11	Freeport, Fl 32439
Mary E. Cobb	6366 Frank Reeder Road
Inda C I	Pensacola, Fl 32526
Linda C. Lovering	2507 Stanford Street
	Alamogordo, NM 88310

ARTICLE 5. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

Initial Registered Agent is Frank D. Martinez and the initial site for the WCF office shall be 1304 Sun Runner Place, Pensacola, Florida 32504.

ARTICLE 6. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors shall have four members whose names and addresses are the same as those listed in paragraph 4, above.

ARTICLE 7. OFFICERS.

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a PRESIDENT, SECRETARY and TREASURER. The other officers shall be provided for in the bylaws. Each subsequent officer shall be elected by the board of directors (and may be removed by the board of directors) at such time and such manner as prescribed by the corporate bylaws. The name and address of each initial officer of the corporation is as follows;

Title Name Address
Pres. Frank D. Martinez 1304 Sun Runner Pl
Pensacola, Fl 32504

Secretary Mary E. Cobb 6366 Frank Reeder R Pensacola, Fl 32526

Treasurer Erika LeLievre 218 Live Oak Street Freeport, Fl 32439

ARTICLE 8. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows;

Name

Address

Frank D. Martinez 1304 Sun Runner Place

Pensacola, Fl 32504

Linda C. Lovering

2707 Stanford Street Alamogordo, NM 88310

ARTICLE 9. NONSTOCK BASIS.

This corporation is organized and shall be operated, on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida NOT-FOR PROFIT COR-PORATIONS ACT, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock.

END OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE SIGNED THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ON THIS DAY OF

, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LO	ORD 1999.
Mary Gloch	PRESIDENT personally Known to me SECRETARY FOL C1005433555530 TREASURER FOL L416217-37-863 Exp. 10/2004
STATE OF FLORIDA) COUNTY OF) BEFORE ME PERSONALL	FIL 1999 JUL - 9 SECRETARY TALLAHASSI
TO ME WELL KNOWN AND KNOWN PERSON DESCRIBED IN AND WHO E FOREGOING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE PURPOEXPRESSED.	TO ME TO BE THE CO XECUTED THE ST S RATION AND ACK- THAT HE EXECUTED
WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL OF 1999.	SEAL THIS 7 DAY
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORISMY COMMISSION EXPIRES: (SEAL)	DA Consistency Public Elizabeth J Crowe My Commission CC596339 Expires October 27, 2000

I ACCEPT DESIGNATION AS) REGISTERED AGENT: