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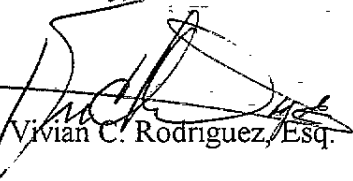
Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the executed Articles of Incorporation for **The Cruz Benitez Foundation Inc.**, a Nonprofit Corporation .

Also enclosed is a check for \$87.00 to cover the filing fees and the cost of a certified copy of the Articles and a certificate of Status.

Thank you for your anticipated attention hereto.

Sincerely,


Vivian C. Rodriguez, Esq.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE CRUZ BENITEZ FOUNDATION INC.
(A Nonprofit Corporation)

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ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE CORPORATION

The name of this corporation is and shall be: **THE CRUZ BENITEZ FOUNDATION INC.**

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of the corporation is 8513 SW 163rd Court, Miami, FL 33193. The mailing address of the corporation is 8513 SW 163rd Court, Miami, FL 33193.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

- (1) To provide information and/or services regarding the medical condition known as "vasculitis;"
- (2) The services contemplated include, but are not limited to, medical alerts regarding the disease; symptoms, early diagnosis and detection; information on research and treatment;
- (3) To establish a hotline for information regarding vasculitis, the foundation, and its services;
- (4) To establish programs to provide group therapy to patients and their families, or provide referrals for these services;
- (5) To establish a site in the public domain known as the internet regarding the disease, and the foundation;
- (6) To solicit contributions from the public to fund the activities of the foundation; and
- (7) To provide assistance to the needy in the form of information for needed services, and conduct any activity to carry out this purpose;
- (8) The foregoing services and/or information shall be provided free of charge to the intended recipients;
- (9) To do such other things as are incidental to the foregoing or necessary or desirable in

order to accomplish the foregoing.

ARTICLE IV

CORPORATE POWERS

The corporation shall have all powers granted to corporations not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. Further, the corporation shall have all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation, as said purposes may be amended from time to time, provided that any such power is not specifically prohibited by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, which additional powers must be set forth in the bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE V

DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is three (3). The name and address of each person who is to serve as a member of the initial board of directors is:

Name	Address
<u>JUAN L. BENITEZ</u>	<u>14481 SW. 163RD TERRACE, MIAMI, FL 33177</u>
<u>JACQUELINE CESPEDES</u>	<u>6801 COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH, FL 33141</u>
<u>JUAN J. BENITEZ</u>	<u>8513 SW 163RD COURT, MIAMI, FL 33153</u>

The number of directors shall not exceed FIVE (5). The manner of election or appointment of additional directors shall be specified in the bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI

CORPORATE DURATION/COMMENCEMENT

The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

The date and time of the commencement of existence is upon filing with the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE VII

REGISTERED OFFICE OR AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 8513 SW 163rd Court, Miami, FL 33193, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address, is JUAN J. BENITEZ.

ARTICLE VIII

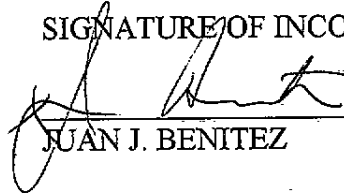
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of each incorporator is:

Name	Address
JUAN J. BENITEZ	8513 SW 163 rd Court, Miami, FL 33193

The foregoing instrument was executed by the undersigned at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, on JUNE 16TH, 1999.

SIGNATURE OF INCORPORATOR(S):

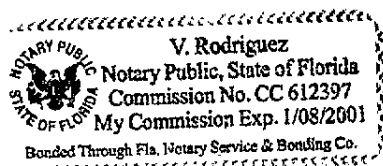

JUAN J. BENITEZ

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized to take acknowledgments and administer oaths, personally appeared JUAN J. BENITEZ, who (c) is personally known to me, or () provided _____ as identification, who did take an oath, and (s)he acknowledged before me that (s)he executed the foregoing articles of incorporation for the purposes stated therein.

(SEAL)





NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

Print Name of Above Notary

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I, JUAN J. BENITEZ, having been designated as the resident agent for THE CRUZ BENITEZ FOUNDATION INC., a nonprofit corporation, hereby accept such appointment as resident agent for the said corporation. I FURTHER STATE that I am familiar with the duties and obligations of a resident agent, as prescribed by Chapter 617, Corporations Not For Profit, and agree to fulfill the same.


JUAN J. BENITEZ

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