## 000070 Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Gillespie 84% Ambleside Ct. lacksonville, FL Phone # Office Use Only CORPORATION NAME(S) & DOCUMENT NUMBER(S), (if known): **EFFECTIVE DATE** 02-04-00 (Corporation Name) (Document #) \*\*\*\*\*70.00 \*\*\*\*\*70.00 (Corporation Name) (Document #) (Corporation Name) (Document #) (Corporation Name) (Document #) ☐ Walk in ☐ Certified Copy Pick up time Mail out Will wait ☐ Photocopy Certificate of Status **NEW FILINGS AMENDMENTS** ☐ Profit ☐ Amendment ☐ Not for Profit Resignation of R.A., Officer/Director Limited Liability Change of Registered Agent Domestication ☐ Dissolution/Withdrawal Other ■ Merger **OTHER FILINGS** REGISTRATION/QUALIFICATION ☐ Annual Report ☐ Foreign ☐ Fictitious Name ☐ Limited Partnership Reinstatement Trademark T. Burch FEB 2 5 2000 Other

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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

February 17, 2000

MR. & MRS. W. C. GILLESPIE 8436 AMBLESIDE CT. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244

SUBJECT: BIG TOP ENTERTAINMENT, A CLOWN COMPANY, INC.

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We have received your document for BIG TOP ENTERTAINMENT, A CLOWN COMPANY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

BIG TOP ENTERTAINMENT, A CLOWN COMPANY, INC.

THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR OF THESE ARTICLES OF INCOR-PORATION IS A NATURAL PERSON COMPETENT TO CONTRACT AND HEREBY FORM A CORPORATION FOR PROFIT UNDER THE GENERAL CORPORATION ACT AND OTHER LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

ARTICLE I. NAME

EFFECTIVE DATE

THE NAME OF THIS CORPORATION IS BIG TOP ENTERTAINMENT, A (22-41-

ARTICLE II. COMMENCEMENT

THIS CORPORATION WILL EXIST EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 4, 2000

ARTICLE III. DURATION

THIS CORPORATION IS TO EXIST PERPETUALLY.

ARTICLE IV, PURPOSE

THIS CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSACTING ANY OR ALL LAWFUL BUSINESS.

ARTICLE V. CORPORATION POWERS

THIS CORPORATION SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING
NECESSARY AND PROPER FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OR FURTHERANCE
OF ANY PURPOSES OR OBJECTS OF THIS CORPORATION ENUMERATED IN
THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, OR ANY AMENDMENT THEREOF,
NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OR FURTHERANCE
OF THE PURPOSES OR OBJECTS OF THIS CORPORATION AND TO HAVE,
IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CORPORATE PURPOSE, ALL OF THE POWERS
CONFERRED UPON CORPORATIONS ORGANIZED UNDER THE FLORIDA
GENERAL CORPORATION ACT.

ARTICLE VI. CAPITAL STOCK

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHARES OF STOCK THAT THIS CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE IS 100 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK HAVING A PAR VALUE OF \$ 1.00 PER SHARE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE "SECTION 1244 STOCK" AS DEFINED BY SECTION 1244 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

ARTICLE VII. INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE, REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

THE ADDRESS OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS
8436 AMBLESIDE COURT, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244; THE
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS: 8436
AMBLESIDE COURT JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244; AND THE NAME OF
THE INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AT THAT ADDRESS IS PORTIA
GILLESPIE. THE STOCKHOLDERS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ESTABLISH
BRANCH OFFICES, AND TO MOVE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE TO ANY OTHER
ADDRESS IN FLORIDA.

ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATOR

THE NAME AND ADDRESSES OF THE PERSON SIGNING THESE ARTICLES

PORTIA GILLESPIE 8436 AMBLESIDE COURT JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244

ARTICLE IX. MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATION BY SHAREHOLDERS
ALL CORPORATE POWERS SHALL BE EXERCISED BY OR UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF, AND THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE MANAGED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF, THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THIS CORPORATION.

ARTICLE X. CALLING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL

HAVE THE SOLE POWER TO ADOPT, AMEND OR REPEAL BY-LAWS FOR

THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS CORPORATION, AND THE DUTIES OF THE

OFFICERS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY SUCH BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE XI. INITIAL DIRECTORS

THE NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS CORPORATION ARE:

1> PORTIA GILLESPIE: 8436 AMBLESIDE COURT JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244

ARTICLE XII. INITIAL OFFICERS AND SUBSCRIBERS

THE NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS WHO ARE

TO SERVE UNTIL THE FIRST ELECTION UNDER THE ARTICLES OF IN
CORPORATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT: PORTIA GILLESPIE: 8436 AMBLESIDE COURT

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENT

THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION MAY BE AMENDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSCRIBERS HAVE EXECUTED THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ON February 4, 2000.

PORTIA GILLESPIE

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

IN PURSUANCE OF FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAID ACT:

FIRST, THAT BIG TOP ENTERTAINMENT, A CLOWN COMPANY, INC., DESIRING TO ORGANIZE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITH ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE, AS INDICATED IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FL HAS NAMED:

LOCATED AT:

PORTIA GILLESPIE 8436 AMBLESIDE COURT JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244

AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE-STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFI-CATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY.