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Corporate Records Bureau  
Division of Corporations  
Secretary of State  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: Independent Retirement Solutions, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation of Independent Retirement Solutions, Inc. for filing with your office.

Also, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover your fee.

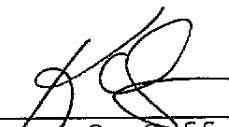
Please return the certified copy and letter of acknowledgement to my office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,

KAREN O. GAFFNEY, P. A.

By:

  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
INDEPENDENT RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, INC.**

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**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation is INDEPENDENT RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, INC. Its principal place of business is 1344 N. Mediterranean Way, Inverness, Florida 34453.

**ARTICLE II. DURATION**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized for the following purposes:

1. To purchase, improve, develop, hold, and own real estate, and lease, mortgage, and sell the same in such parts or parcels, improved or unimproved, and on such terms as to time and manner of payment as this corporation may, by its Board of Directors, agree upon.
2. To maintain and keep places for storage and warehouses for the storage and deposit of goods and merchandise of all kinds and descriptions, and conduct all business appertaining thereto, including the making of advances on goods, stored and deposited with it, and to have and to receive all the rights and emoluments thereto belonging.
3. To carry on business in the United States and elsewhere as factors, agents, commission merchants or merchants to buy, sell, and deal in, at wholesale or retail, merchandise, goods, wares and commodities of every sort, kind or description, and to carry on any other business, whether manufacturing or otherwise, which can be conveniently carried on with any of the company's objects; to open stores, offices or agencies throughout the United

States or elsewhere, or to allow or cause the legal estate and interest in any properties or business acquired, established or carried on by the company to remain or be vested in the name of or carried on by any other company formed or to be formed, and either upon trust for or as agents or nominees of this company, and to manage the affairs or take over and carry on the business of any such other company formed or to be formed, and to exercise all or any of the powers of any such company, or of holders of shares of stock or securities thereof, and to receive and distribute as profits the dividends and interest on such shares of stock and securities; to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all of any part of the business, property and liabilities of any persons or company, carrying on any kind of business which this company is authorized to carry on; to enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interest, reciprocal concessions, joint venture, or cooperate with any person which this company is authorized to carry on; or any business or transaction capable of being conducted, so as, directly or indirectly, benefit this company.

4. To lend money, either with or without security, and generally to such persons and upon such terms and conditions as this corporation may think fit, and in particular for the purpose of undertaking to build or improve any property in which this corporation is interested as tenants, builders and contractors.

5. To do business as investment planning, retirement planning and investment counseling.

6. To purchase and sell for others personal property, stocks, bonds and notes, and to negotiate loans thereon for others.

7. To manufacture, purchase or otherwise acquire, own, mortgage, pledge, sell, assign, and transfer or otherwise dispose of, to invest, trade, deal in and deal with goods,

wares, and merchandise, and real and personal property of every class and description.

8. To acquire and pay for, in cash or otherwise, stocks and bonds of this corporation, the good will, rights, assets and property, and to undertake or assume the whole or any part of the obligation or liabilities of any person, firm, association or corporation.

9. To acquire, hold, use, sell, assign, lease, grant licenses and privileges, inventions, improvements and processes, copyrights, trademarks and trade names, relating to or useful in connection with any business of this corporation.

10. To guarantee, purchase, hold, vote, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of shares of the capital stock of or any bonds, securities or evidence of indebtedness created by any other corporation or corporations organized under the laws of this State or any other state, country, nation or government, and while the owner thereof, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership.

11. To issue bonds, debentures or obligations of this corporation from time to time, for any of the objects or purposes of the corporation, and to secure the same by mortgage pledge, deed of trust or otherwise.

12. To purchase, hold, sell and transfer the shares of its own capital stock; **PROVIDED**, it shall not use its funds or property for the purchase of its own shares of capital stock when such use would cause any impairment of its capital; and **PROVIDED FURTHER**, that shares of its own capital stock belonging to it shall not be voted upon, directly or indirectly.

13. To have one or more offices to carry on all or any of its operations and business without restrictions or limit as to amount, to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, own, mortgage, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every class and description in any of the states, districts, territories, or colony or country.

14. To purchase, sell, acquire, trade and/or develop real property, mortgages and other security instruments.

15. In general, to carry on any other business in connection with the foregoing, whether manufacturing or otherwise, and to have and exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporation, and to do any or all the things set forth above to the same extent as natural persons might or could do.

16. To transact any or all lawful business.

The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as objects and powers and it is hereby expressly provided that the foregoing enumeration of specific powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of this corporation.

The above and foregoing businesses enumerated are intended as illustrative and not restrictive, and this corporation shall have the power to handle such other business or businesses, either in its own behalf or as agent or broker for others, and shall further engage in any or all like or kindred businesses which may be necessary or profitable in conjunction with the businesses above enumerated; and generally shall have and exercise all powers, privileges and immunities of businesses of like kind and nature incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, and shall enjoy the privileges and immunities pertaining to incorporators under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK**

This corporation is authorized to issue one thousand (1000) shares of \$1.00 par value common stock, which shall be designated "Common Shares".

#### **ARTICLE V. PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS**

Every shareholder, upon the sale for cash of any new stock of this corporation of

the same kind, class or series as that which she already holds, shall have the right to purchase her pro rata share thereof [as nearly as may be done without issuance of fractional shares] at the price at which it is offered to others.

**ARTICLE VI.**  
**INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1344 N. Mediterranean Way, Inverness, Florida 34453, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is PAUL C. JAMES.

**ARTICLE VII. MANAGEMENT BY SHAREHOLDERS**

The shareholders, subject to any specific written limitations or restrictions imposed by law or by these Articles of Incorporation, shall direct the carrying out of the purposes and exercise the powers of the corporation. The affairs and business of this corporation shall be managed and its corporate powers exercised by its shareholders.

**ARTICLE VIII.**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

**NAME**

Paul C. James

**ADDRESS**

1344 N. Mediterranean Way  
Inverness, Florida 34453

**ARTICLE IX. BYLAWS**

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribers have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20 day of April, 2000.

Paul C. James  
Paul C. James

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF CITRUS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this the 20 day of April, 2000, by Paul C. James, who is personally known to me or who did produce His D.L. as identification, and who did not take an oath.

[Signature]  
Notary Public  
Printed name Karen O. Gaffney

Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Number \_\_\_\_\_



Karen O. Gaffney  
MY COMMISSION # CC680212 EXPIRES  
July 24, 2001  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

First - INDEPENDENT RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, as City of Inverness, County of Citrus, has named PAUL C. JAMES located at 1344 N. Mediterranean Way, City of Inverness, State of Florida 34453, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** (Must be signed by Designated Agent)

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
PAUL C. JAMES  
Registered Agent