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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

#### EMERALD COAST ACCOUNTING SERVICES, INC.

I, the undersigned incorporator, here make, acknowledge and file these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### I. NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Emerald Coast Accounting Services, Inc.

#### **II. PURPOSE**

The general purpose for which this corporation is organized is to transact any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 607, Florida Statutes.

# **III. AUTHORIZED SHARES**

The corporation shall be authorized to create and issue 10,000 shares of Common Stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

The whole or any part of the authorized shares of the corporation may be issued for consideration payable in cash or other property, tangible or intangible, or in labor or services actually performed for the corporation, having a value as is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the corporation, not less than the par value of the stock so to be issued.

### IV. TERMS OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

# V. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation in the State of Florida and the name of its initial registered agent at that office is as follows:

PETER V. DUKE 902 East Blount Street Pensacola, Florida 32503 The principal office of this corporation shall be:

902 East Blount Street Pensacola, Florida 32503

#### VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The powers of the corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of and the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors, which shall have two (2) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by the shareholders from time to time as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation.

### VII. DIRECTORS - NAMES AND STREET ADDRESSES

The names and street addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and have qualified are as follows:

PETER V. DUKE 902 East Blount Street Pensacola, Florida 32503 ANGELA M. DUKE 902 East Blount Street Pensacola, Florida 32503

### VIII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator signing these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

PETER V. DUKE 902 East Blount Street Pensacola, Florida 32503

#### IX. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The following additional provisions for the regulation of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the corporation and for creating, defining, limiting and regulating the powers of the corporation, its shareholders and directors, are hereby adopted as a part of these Articles of Incorporation.

- 1. No person shall be required to own, hold or control stock in the corporation as a condition precedent to holding an office in this corporation.
- The Board of Directors may prescribe a method or methods for replacement of lost certificates, and prescribe reasonable conditions by way of security upon the issue of new certificates therefor.

3. The Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office, and irrespective of any personal interest of any of its members, shall have authority to establish reasonable compensation as directors, officers or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation at Pensacola, Florida, for the uses and purposes aforesaid, this <u>/3</u>// day of September, 2000.

PETER V. DUKE

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

BEFORE ME personally appeared PETER V. DUKE, to me personally known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and who freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth and who did not take an oath.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pensacola, Florida, this 13/4 day of September, 2000.

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"Notary Public-State of FL"
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#### **DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE**

**OF** 

#### **REGISTERED AGENT**

**OF** 

## EMERALD COAST ACCOUNTING SERVICES, INC.

Pursuant to Section 48.091 and Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, EMERALD COAST ACCOUNTING SERVICES, INC., having filed its Articles of Incorporation contemporaneously herewith, with its registered office as indicated therein at 902 East Blount Street, Pensacola, Florida 32503, has named PETER V. DUKE located at 902 East Blount Street, Pensacola, Florida 32503, as its Registered Agent to accept service of process within this State.

PETER V. DUKE Incorporator

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the location designated herein, I accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the laws of Florida applicable thereto.

PETER V. DUKE Registered Agent