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FLORIDA PROFIT CORPORATION OR P.A.

AMERICAN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS, INC.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATIONOFAMERICAN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS, INC.ARTICLE I - Name and Address

The name of this corporation is AMERICAN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS, INC. The mailing address of the corporation is 7315 Hudson Avenue, Hudson, Florida 34667. The address of the corporation's principal office is 7315 Hudson Avenue, Hudson, Florida 34667.

ARTICLE II - Duration

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III - Capital Stock

This corporation is authorized to issue 10,000 shares of common stock, which shall be designated as "Common Shares." The par value of each share of stock shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).

ARTICLE IV - Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is c/o Corporation Service Company, 1201 Hays Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Corporation Service Company.

ARTICLE V - Incorporator

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

NameAddress

ALFRED O. BONATI

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ARTICLE VI - Indemnification

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VII - 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 incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 24th day of October, 2000.



ALFRED O. BONATI

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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT
AND STREET ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS
WITHIN FLORIDA**

Pursuant to Fla. Stat. §48.091, AMERICAN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby designates Corporation Service Company, located at 1201 Hays Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, as its registered agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION

The undersigned hereby accepts the above designation as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place designated above, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Fla. Stat. §48.091(2) relative to maintaining an office for the service of process.

CORPORATION SERVICE
COMPANY, a DELAWARE
corporation

By: *Arthur Mann Jr.*
Its: ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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