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Secretary of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

> RE: Paul E. Estep, D.D.S., P.A.

To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Paul E. Estep, D.D.S., P.A.

Also, enclosed please find Check No.: 1272, payable to Secretary of State in the amount of \$122.50.

Please proceed to file same with your office and provide a conformed copy of same to the undersigned. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and if you should have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

DEBRA G. KOMISAR

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Enclosures

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

PAUL E. ESTEP, D.D.S., P.A.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
ALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as Incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation, of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is PAUL E. ESTEP, D.D.S., P.A.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

To own, maintain, conduct and operate a general dentistry business to the public.

To carry on any business whatsoever that this corporation may deem proper or convenient in connection with any of the foregoing purposes or otherwise, or that it may deem calculated, directly or indirectly, to improve the interest of this corporation, and to have and to exercise all powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on corporations formed under the laws pursuant to which and under which this corporation is formed, as such laws are now in effect or may at any time hereafter be amended, and to do any and all things hereinabove set forth to the same extent and as full as natural persons, firms, associations, or corporations, and in any part of the word.

The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as statement of both purposes and powers, shall be liberally construed in aid of powers of this corporation, and the powers and purposes stated in each clause shall, except where otherwise stated, be in no wise limited or restricted by any term or provision of any other clause, and shall be regarded not only as independent purposes, but the purposes and powers stated shall be construed distributively as each object expressed, and the enumeration as to specific powers shall not be construed as to limit in any manner the aforesaid general powers, but are in furtherance of, and in addition to and not limitation of said general powers.

ARTICLE III. CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time is One Hundred (100) shares of One Dollars (\$1.00) par value common stock. Said authorized shares shall be voting shares.

Authorized capital stock may be paid for in cash, services or property at a just value to be fixed by the Board of Directors of this corporation at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IV. INITIAL CAPITAL

The amount of capital with which this corporation shall begin business is One Hundred and NO/100 Dollars (\$100.00).

ARTICLE V. TERMS OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The initial street address of the principal place of business of this corporation is 520 48th Street Court East, Bradenton, FL 34208. The Board of Directors from time to time may designate such other address and place for the principal office of this corporation as it may seem fit.

ARTICLE VII. REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

That PAUL E. ESTEP, D.D.S., P.A., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office in the City of Wauchula, County of Hardee, has named M. JOAN KROLL located at 200 North Florida Avenue, Wauchula, FL 33873, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

ARTICLE VIII. DIRECTOR(S)

The corporation shall have two (2) directors initially. The number of directors may be

increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws of the corporation, but shall never be less than one (1).

ARTICLE IX. INITIAL DIRECTOR(S)

The name and street address of the Initial Directors, who shall hold office until their successor(s) are elected and have qualified, is as follows:

NAME ADDRESS

PAUL E. ESTEP 520 48th Street Court East, Bradenton, FL 34208

SHARON ESTEP 520 48th Street Court East, Bradenton, FL 34208

ARTICLE X. OFFICER(S)

The officer(s) of the Corporation, who shall hold office until their successor(s) are elected by the Board of Directors, shall be:

NAME MAILING ADDRESS TITLE

PAUL E. ESTEP 520 48th Street Court East Pres/Secy./Treas.

Bradenton, FL 34208

<u>ARTICLE XI.</u> SUBSCRIBER(S)

NAME AND ADDRESS SHARES AMOUNT

PAUL E. ESTEP 51 \$51.00

ARTICLE XII.
EFFECTIVE DATE

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective on the granting of the Corporation by the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by it to the stockholders, and approved at a stockholder's meeting by a majority Fifty One Percent (51%) of the intention that a

certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged, and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this <u>5</u> day of May, 2001.

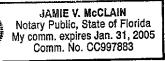
PAUL E. ESTEP Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Manates

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5 day of May, 2001, b

NOTARY PUBLIC State of Florida at Large

My commission expires



ACCEPTANCE

HAVING BEEN NAMED to accept service of process for the above-styled corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

M. Joan Kroll

Registered Agent