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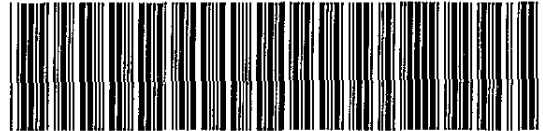
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GNI Inc

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**GNI, Inc.**

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The undersigned hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida:

**ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of the corporation is GNI, Inc.

**ARTICLE II - Principal Office  
and Mailing Address of the Corporation**

The address of the principal office of the corporation is 1836 West Lumsden Road, Brandon, Florida 33511, and its mailing address is the same.

**ARTICLE III - Commencement and Duration**

The corporation is to commence its corporate existence effective immediately, and shall exist perpetually thereafter until dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE IV - Purpose**

The corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business.

**ARTICLE V - Stock**

The corporation is authorized to issue ten thousand (10,000) shares of \$1.00 par value common stock, which shares shall be a single class.

**ARTICLE VI - Preemptive Rights**

Each shareholder of the corporation shall have the right to purchase, subscribe for, or receive a right or rights to purchase or subscribe for, at the price offered to others, a pro rata portion of any stock of any class that the corporation may issue or sell, whether or not of unissued shares authorized by the articles of incorporation as originally filed or by any amendment thereof or out of shares of stock of the corporation acquired by it after the issuance thereof.

#### ARTICLE VII - Board of Directors

All corporate powers shall be exercised by and under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the board of directors.

The corporation shall have one director initially. The number of directors may thereafter be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

The name and street address of the initial director who shall hold office until its successor, who shall be chosen at the first meeting of the stockholders has qualified, shall be:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Vibert L. Griffith, Jr.	5714 Hebron Lane Lakeland, Florida 33813
Karen Griffith	5714 Hebron Lane Lakeland, Florida 33813
Rodney Naughton	524 Park Street Lakeland, Florida 33803
Stacey Naughton	524 Park Street Lakeland, Florida 33803

#### ARTICLE VIII - Indemnification

The corporation shall indemnify any present or former officer or director, or person exercising powers and duties of a director, to the full extent now or hereafter permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE IX - Bylaws

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors and the shareholders, but the board of directors may not alter, amend, or repeal any bylaws adopted by the shareholders if the shareholders provide that the bylaws shall not be altered, amended, or repealed by the board of directors.

ARTICLE X - Amendment

These articles of incorporation may be amended at any time by a vote of the majority of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding, at any regular meeting of the stockholders or at any special meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XI - Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator to these articles of incorporation is:

Name

Address

Jonn D. Hoppe

225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300  
Lakeland, Florida 33801

ARTICLE XII - Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is Jonn D. Hoppe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporator, hereby executes these articles of incorporation this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

 (SEAL)  
Jonn D. Hoppe, Incorporator

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COUNTY OF Pike

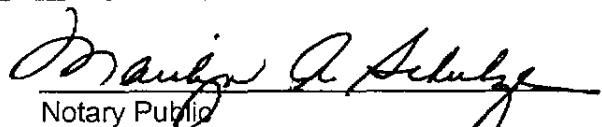
Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Jonn D. Hoppe, who ☒ is personally known to me or who ☐ has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



Marilyn A. Schulze  
My Commission DD078801  
Expires March 29, 2006

  
Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Expires:

To: The Department of State  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR  
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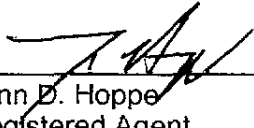
In compliance with Section 607.0501 of the Florida General Corporation Act, the following  
is submitted:

GNI, Inc., with its place of business at 1836 West Lumsden Road, Brandon, Florida 33511,  
has named Jonn D. Hoppe located at 225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801,  
as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated  
corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered  
agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes  
relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept  
the duties and obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated May 6, 2003.

  
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Jonn D. Hoppe  
Registered Agent

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