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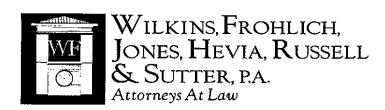
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REPLY TO: North Port

Department of State Division of Corporations Corporate Filings P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Powers & Associates, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and executed copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the above-referenced corporation, Designation of Registered Agent and Registered Office, and our firm's check in the amount of \$78.75 for the filing fee.

I would appreciate your returning to this office the Certificate of Incorporation, certified copy of Articles and receipt as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

WILKINS, FROHLICH, JONES, HEVIA, RUSSELL & SUTTER, P.A.

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The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, does hereby sign and direct these articles to be delivered to the Department of State, State of Florida for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE 1. - NAME

The name of this corporation is Powers & Associates, Inc. and their principal address is 14253 Reserve Court, Port Charlotte, Florida 33953.

# ARTICLE 2. - DURATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

# ARTICLE 3. - PURPOSES

The general purposes for which this corporation is organized include the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, as the same now exists or as it may hereafter be changed.

### ARTICLE 4. - CAPITAL STOCK

The aggregate number of shares of stock this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time is 100 shares of common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share. There shall be no other type or class of stock.

#### ARTICLE 5. - ADDRESS AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be 14253 Reserve Court, Port Charlotte, Florida 33953. The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Walter J. Powers, Jr.

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#### ARTICLE 6. - DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have one director initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by bylaws adopted by the shareholders, but shall never be less than one nor more than three.

#### ARTICLE 7. - INITIAL DIRECTOR

The name and post office address of the initial director is:

NAME ADDRESS

Walter J. Powers, Jr. 14253 Reserve Court
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

#### ARTICLE 8. - INCORPORATOR

The name and post office address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

NAME ADDRESS

Walter J. Powers, Jr. 14253 Reserve Court Port Charlotte, FL 33953

#### ARTICLE 9. - 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 them to the stockholders and approved at a stockholders' meeting by a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereon, unless all the directors and all the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment to these Articles of Incorporation be made.

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PORT CHARLOTTE. FLORIDA

| IN WITNESS WHEREON subscribed his name and affixed (1998).   | r, the undersigned has hereuntoed his seal this 4th day of |  |
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| Witnesses:  W. Kevin Russell   | Welth Hours, h. Walter Jf Powers, Jr.                      |  |
| Mancy S. Elliott  Nancy L. Elliott  STATE OF FLORIDA:  |  |  |
| COUNTY OF SARASOTA:  |  |  |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared WALTER J. POWERS, JR., to me known to be the person described as incorporator or who has produced a Duver Lucial as identification, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein stated and did not take an oath. |  |  |
| WITNESS my hand an County aforesaid this $47$  | d official seal in the State and ay of Necambel , 2003.    |  |
|  | NOTARY PUBLIC:   |  |
| W. KEVIN RUSSELL MY COMMISSION # DD 240168 EXPIRES: September 20, 2007 Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services  | W. Keuri Russell Print Name                                |  |
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# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

Powers & Associates, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at 14253 Reserve Court, Port Charlotte, County of Charlotte, State of Florida, has designated Walter J. Powers, Jr., whose street address is 14253 Reserve Court, Port Charlotte, County of Charlotte, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

# POWERS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

# <u>ACCEPTANCE</u>

Having been designated as agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place stated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and to comply with the provision of said law relative to same.

Valter J. Powers, Jr.

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