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Walter D. Johns PO Box 981 Macclenny, Florida 32063 February 21,2007

Department of State Division of Corporations PO Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: MERIT OF GAINESVILLE, INC.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for MERIT OF GAINESVILLE, INC., a Florida corporation, with the Resident Agent's appointment included.

A check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

I would appreciate your issuing the Charter for this corporation at your earliest convenience, and returning a copy of it to me at the above address.

Very truly yours,

Walter D. Johns

OF

MERIT OF GAINESVILLE, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, being of the age of eighteen years or more, does hereby make and acknowledge the Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a business corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida in accordance with the Florida General Corporation Act.

## **ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is MERIT OF GAINESVILLE, INC..

#### **ARTICLE II**

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE III**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Florida General Corporation Act.

## **ARTICLE IV**

The corporation shall have authority to issue seven thousand five hundred (7,500) shares of common stock having a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share.

# ARTICLE V

Every shareholder shall have a preemptive right to acquire pro-rata additional shares when issued or authorized, including treasury shares.

# **ARTICLE VI**

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 667 Hawkeye Road, Macclenny, Baker County, Florida 32063; and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Walter D. Johns. The principal office of the corporation and the office of the Registered Agent are both located at 667 Hawkeye Road, Macclenny, Baker County, Florida 32063.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be one

(1). The numbers of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws adopted by its shareholders, but the number of Directors shall never be less than one (1). The name and address of the person who is to serve as Director until the first meeting of its shareholders, or until his successor be elected and qualified, is:

Name

<u>Address</u>

Walter D. Johns

PO Box 981, Macclenny, Florida 32063

# **ARTICLE VIII**

The stock of this corporation may be issued pursuant to a plan as contemplated by Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and its various amendments; and the directors, officers and shareholders of the corporation are authorized to adopt such a plan.

# ARTICLE IX

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment to them, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

### ARTICLE X

The name and address of the incorporator are:

Name

<u>Address</u>

Walter D. Johns

PO Box 981, Macclenny, Florida 32063

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 2/day of February, 2007.

malkofus Walter D. Johns

(SEAL)

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## COUNTY OF BAKER

I, Michele R. Smith, a Notary Public in and for aforementioned County and State, do hereby certify that Walter D. Johns personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this <u>21st</u> day of February, 2007.

My commission expires:

MICHELE R. SMITH Notary Public, State of Florida My comm. expires April 9, 2008

Comm. No. DD 308624

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICLE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted: First, that MERIT OF GAINESVILLE, INC., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business located at 667 Hawkeye Road, Macclenny, Baker County, Florida 32063, has named Walter D. Johns as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Date: 2-2/01

Having been named to accept service of process for the above state corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to complete performance of my duties.

Walter D. Johns

Date: 2-2101