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OF

## FLORIDA PREFERRED MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

The undersigned incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation, natural persons over the age of eighteen (18) years, competent to contract and all of whom are citizens of the United States of America, hereby form a for profit domestic mutual insurer under the laws of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE I

## NAME

The name of the COMPANY shall be FLORIDA PREFERRED MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. The principal place of business shall be 7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida.

## **ARTICLE II**

## **NATURE OF BUSINESS**

The COMPANY is being formed to accept and retain all of the assets and liabilities of the Florida Preferred Risk Self-Insurers' Fund, which was established in 1990 under the provisions of Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, pursuant to a plan of reorganization adopted under the authority of §628.161(6), Florida Statutes (1995), and to initially provide workers' compensation insurance, in the form of assessable or non-assessable policies, and any business activities pertaining to the provision of such insurance or incidental thereto, and any other business activities authorized by the

#### ARTICLE III

#### **MEMBERS**

Each policyholder of the COMPANY or policyholders of Florida Preferred Risk Self-Insurers' Fund whose assets and liabilities have been assumed by the COMPANY pursuant to §628.161(6), Florida 1995), shall be a member of the COMPANY. Each member shall be entitled to one vote at the meetings of the members for each policy of insurance in force on the appropriate date as determined by the bylaws.

### ARTICLE IV

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITY**

No member shall have any contingent liability as to any non-assessable policy issued pursuant to Chapter 628.341, Florida Statutes (1995). The maximum contingent liability of the members of the COMPANY, as to other than non-assessable policies, shall be no more than three (3) times the premium for the member's policy at the annual premium rate for a term of one (1) year.

#### ARTICLE V

#### TERM OF EXISTENCE

The COMPANY shall exist perpetually.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## **INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered agent of the COMPANY shall be Thomas E. Caine, 7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238, who upon accepting this designation agrees to comply with the provision

of Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, with respect to keeping an office open to receive service of process from the Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE VII

#### DIRECTORS

Section 1. The COMPANY shall have five (5) directors initially, all of whom are United States citizens and all of whom are over the age of eighteen (18). The names and street addresses of the directors whose initial terms of office shall be as provided for in the Bylaws are:

Tedson M. Cnine	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Todd W. Emrich	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Thomas E. Caine	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Melvin E. Mullet	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Douglas E. Garthwait	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238

Section 2. All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the directors and the business affairs of the COMPANY shall be managed and administered pursuant to the policies adopted by the directors.

Section 3. The Board of Directors of the COMPANY shall: (a) be responsible to members of the COMPANY; (b) appoint independent certified public accountants and actuaries, as needed, and may appoint, hire or retain such other experts, professionals or other persons as the directors may deem appropriate from time to time; (c) approve the payment of dividends to member;

(d) approve changes in corporate structure; and (e) perform such other duties as may be appropriate in exercising its corporate powers.

Section 4. The qualification, election and tenure of the directors shall be provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 5. Directors may be removed by the members only for cause.

## ARTICLE VIII

## INDEMNIFICATION

The Board of Directors is hereby specifically authorized to make provisions for indemnification of directors, officers, employees and agents to the full extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE IX

## PARTICIPATING POLICIES

Pursuant to §628.361, Florida Statutes (1995), as amended from time to time, the COMPANY may issue any or all of its policies with or without participation in profits, savings, or unabsorbed portions of premiums, may classify policies issued on a participating or non-participating basis, and may determine the right to participate and the extent of participation of any class or classes of policies.

## **ARTICLE X**

#### <u>INCORPORATORS</u>

The names and addresses of the incorporators, all of whom are over the age of eighteen (18) and all of whom are citizens of the United States, are:

Tedson M. Caine	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Todd W. Emrich	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Thomas E. Caine	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Douglas E. Garthwait	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Julia J. Caine	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Susan K. Caine	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Mary Jo Altman	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Deborah A. Myers	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Christopher L. Hill	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Andrew E. Lockwood	7250 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34238

## ARTICLE XI

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

The COMPANY may amend its Articles of Incorporation, subject to the provisions in §628.111, Florida Statutes (1995), as amended from time to time, by vote of a majority of those members present or represented by proxy at a lawful meeting of the members provided that the notice given members included due notice of the proposal to amend.

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Todd W. Emrich

Thomas E. Caine

Douglas E. Garthwait

Julia J. Caine

Susan K. Caine

Mary Jo Altman

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Andrew E. Lockwood

Tedson M. Caine, President

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Sacareta

> NOTARY PUBLIC State of Florida at Large

Name of Officer taking acknowledgment (Typed, printed or stamped)

Commission Number: <u>CC 464146</u> My Commission Expires: <u>5-15-99</u>

JUDI L KEMP
My Comm Exp. 5/15/99
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Todd W. Emrich

COUNTY OF Swedsofa

The foregoing instrument was executed before me this

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Thomas E. Caine

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## ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Commissioner of the State of Florida COMPANY, at the place designated in t	for FLORIDA PRE the Articles of Incorp	from the Treasurer and Insurance FERRED MUTUAL INSURANCE oration, Theore E. Crine ees to comply with the provisions of
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# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

		rogistored agent and office is:
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