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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

SUBJECT: DESIGNS BY J.R., INC., a Florida Corporation

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above corporation and check in the amount of \$70.00.

FROM: Robert D. Young, Attorney at Law
13180 North Cleveland Avenue
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Very truly yours,

Robert D. Young

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator, hereby makes, subscribes, acknowledges and files with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be Designs by J.R., Inc.

ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business or businesses to be conducted by this corporation, together with and in addition to those powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporations organized under and by virtue of the laws of Florida, shall be as follows:

(a) The provision of jewelry sales and repairs.

(b) To buy, sell, option, deal in, lease, hold or improve real estate and the fixtures and personal property incident thereto and connected therewith and, with that end in view, to acquire by purchase, lease, or hire, or otherwise, lands, tenements, hereditaments, or any interest therein, and to improve the property of the corporation, and to sell, lease, mortgage, rent, pledge or otherwise dispose of the lands, tenements, hereditaments or other property of the corporation.

(c) To buy, sell, discount and rediscount notes, drafts, bills of exchange, stocks, bonds, securities, and choices of action

of all kinds, both as principal and as agent; to also buy, sell and place liens on real and personal property, and to lend money and accept as security therefor liens or pledges of real and personal property; and to also act as agent or trustee of persons and corporations in any and all other matters which can be solicited, negotiated, operated, and carried on by an agent.

(d) To purchase and sell for itself personal property, stocks, bonds, warrants, and notes and to negotiate loans thereon; to acquire, enjoy, purchase, hold, sell, and transfer the shares of stock of any corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida or any other state of the United States or qualified to do business in any other state of the United States or country belonging to the United Nations or qualified to do business in such nation. To purchase, hold, sell, and transfer shares of its own capital stock, provided this corporation shall not purchase its own shares of stock except from the surplus of its assets over its liabilities, including capital, and provided further that shares of its own capital stock owned by the corporation shall not be voted directly or indirectly nor counted as outstanding for the purpose of any stockholders' quorum or vote.

(e) To act as a fiscal agent for others, to lend money on notes, bonds, mortgages, and commercial securities of all kinds and, while the owner of stock in a corporation, to exercise all the rights of a stockholder therein; to borrow money and secure the payment of same by notes, bonds, drafts or other evidence of indebtedness; to endorse and guarantee the payment of notes and

mortgages and all kinds of indebtedness, and to pledge and mortgage any or all of its real estate and personal property for the payment of its own debts or for the debts of others guaranteed by it.

(f) To borrow money and contract debts necessary for the transaction of its corporate rights, privileges or franchises or for any other lawful purpose of its incorporators; to issue bonds, promissory notes, bills of exchange, debentures, or other obligations and evidences of indebtedness payable at a specific time or times, or payable upon the happening of a specified event or events, whether secured by mortgage, pledge or otherwise, or unsecured, for money borrowed or in payment of property purchased or acquired or any other lawful objects.

(g) To acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights, trademarks and licenses or other rights or interests therein and thereunder, and to manufacture, sell and distribute, at wholesale or retail, all such articles covered by any such patents, copyrights, or trademarks.

(h) To apply and qualify to carry on the general nature of business or businesses as authorized by this corporate charter and/or any amendments hereto in any state of the United States of America.

(i) To act as general partner or limited partner in partnership ventures of all kinds, including, but not limited to, general partnerships and limited partnerships both within and without the state of Florida.

(j) To do all and everything necessary and proper for the

accomplishment of the objects enumerated in its Articles of Incorporation or amendment thereof or necessary or incidental to the protection or benefit of the corporation and, in addition to the specific powers herein enumerated, to have any and all rights, powers, and privileges which are, can be or may be granted to corporations incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida and, in that connection to carry on any lawful business necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the corporation, whether such business is similar in nature to the objects set forth in the Articles of Incorporation or any amendment thereof.

ARTICLE III

The authorized capital stock of the corporation is 1,000 shares of common stock with par value of \$1.00 per share, and each share shall entitle the holder thereof to vote at any meeting of the stockholders. All or any part of said capital stock may be paid for in cash, with property, or in labor or services at a valuation to be fixed by the incorporator or by the Board of Directors at a meeting called for such purpose. All stock when issued shall be fully paid for and shall be nonassessable.

ARTICLE IV

Every shareholder, upon the sale for cash of any new stock of this corporation of the same kind, class or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his pro rata share thereof (as nearly as may be done without issuance of fractional shares) at the price at which it is offered to others.

ARTICLE V

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI

The principal offices of the corporation shall be located at 2105 First Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, Attn: Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr., and its mailing address is the same, but the corporation shall have the power to establish branch offices and other places of business at such other places within or without the state of Florida as may be determined and deemed expedient by the Directors.

ARTICLE VII

This corporation shall have two (2) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than one. The name and address of the initial directors are as follows:

Joseph Jack Benjamin Toscano
4511 Pelican Boulevard
Cape Coral, Florida 33914

Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr.
4369 Cypress Lane
Fort Myers, Florida 33905

A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Directors qualified and acting, and the act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Directors. The Directors may make or amend the Bylaws. The meeting of the Directors may be held within or without the state of Florida. A person shall not have to be a stockholder in order to qualify as a director.

ARTICLE VIII

The name and address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Joseph Jack Benjamin Toscano
4511 Pelican Boulevard
Cape Coral, Florida 33914

and the officers of said corporation who shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified shall be as follows:

Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr.
President/Treasurer

Joseph Jack Benjamin Toscano
Vice-President/Secretary

ARTICLE IX

The time and place of the annual stockholders' meeting shall be the 15th day of January of each and every year at the principal offices of the corporation unless otherwise fixed in the Bylaws or by a resolution of the Board of Directors, and any stockholder may waive notice thereof before or after the meeting.

The Board of Directors shall be elected annually by the stockholders at their annual meeting or at a special meeting held for that purpose. All vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Board until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE X

The Board of Directors shall have full power to fix their own compensation including any bonus or gratuity and to fix the compensation of any of the officers or any other member of the Board performing special services for the corporation, and any member of the Board may vote upon such compensation matters even

though his own compensation may be the subject of the resolution.

ARTICLE XI

Except as otherwise provided by law, the entire voting power for the election of directors and for all other purposes shall be vested exclusively in the holders of the outstanding common shares, except as provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XII

The name and address of the initial registered agent and registered office of this corporation is: Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr., 2105 First Street, Fort Myers, Florida, 33901.

ARTICLE XIII

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV

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

ARTICLE XV

No contract or other transaction between this corporation and any other corporation and no act of this corporation shall in any way be affected or invalidated by the fact that any of the directors of this corporation are pecuniarily or otherwise interested in or are directors or officers of such other corporation; any director individually, or any firm of which any director may be a member, may be a party to or be pecuniarily or

otherwise interested in any contract or transaction of this corporation, provided that the fact that he or such firm so interested shall be disclosed or shall have been known to be by the Board of Directors or a majority thereof, and any director of this corporation who is also a director or officer of such other corporation or who is interested may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of this corporation, which shall authorize any such contract or transaction with like force and effect as if he were not such director or officer of such other corporation or not so interested.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged, and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the existing laws of the State of Florida, this 23rd day of January, 1997.

Nicholas R. DeStefano Jr.
Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

BEFORE ME personally appeared Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr., who is ~~personally known to me~~ or who has produced FL DL D231-1036-14-324-0 as identification and who did take an oath, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to and before me that he executed the instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 23 day of January, 1997.

Monica Montgomery
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida
at large

My Commission Expires:

Print Name: Monica Montgomery
Commission No: 10519404



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No. CC519404
☒ Personally Known ☐ Other I. B.

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR
DOMICILE 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 Designs by J.R., Inc. qualify under the laws of
the State of Florida, with its principal place of business in the
City of Fort Myers, State of Florida has named Nicholas Raymond
DeStefano, Jr., address 2105 First Street, Fort Myers, Florida, as
its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Designs by J.R., Inc.
a Florida corporation,

By:

Nicholas R DeStefano, Jr.
Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr.
Incorporator

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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE
ABOVE-STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS
CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER
AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE
PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

Nicholas R DeStefano, Jr.
Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr.

DATE: 1-23-97

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

BEFORE ME personally appeared Nicholas Raymond DeStefano, Jr.,
~~who is personally known to me or who has produced~~ FL D.L. - D231103101043240
as identification and who did take an oath, and who executed
the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to and before me that he
executed the instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 23 day of January,
1997.

Monica Lynn Montgomery
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida
at large

My Commission Expires:

Print Name: Monica Lynn Montgomery
Commission No: CC519404



MONICA LYNN MONTGOMERY
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☐ Personally Known ☒ Other I.D.