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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RAYMOND J. NICOL, D.D.S., P.A.



The undersigned Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation, who is licensed or otherwise legally authorized to practice the profession of dentistry in the State of Florida, with the intention of forming a professional corporation in accordance with the Florida Professional Service Corporation and Limited Liability Company Act, adopts these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this Corporation shall be RAYMOND J. NICOL, D.D.S., P.A., and the address of this Corporation is 181 Crawford Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida 33432-3728.

ARTICLE II

NATURE OF BUSINESS

The general nature of business to be transacted by the Corporation and its objects and powers shall be as follows:

- A. To engage in the practice of dentistry as a professional corporation and to own and operate a dental office for the purposes of providing dental and orthodontic care and treatment.
- B. To treat, prescribe, diagnose or operate for any disease, pain, injury, deficiency, deformity or physical condition of human teeth, gums, jaws and adjacent tissues.

- C. To furnish, construct, reproduce, or repair prosthetic dentures or bridges to be used and worn as substitutes for natural teeth.
- D. To supply, repair or construct orthodontic or various appliances used for the correction of malocclusion or deformities of other structures.

The purpose of this Corporation shall be carried out only through officers, employees and agents, each of whom is licensed or otherwise legally qualified to render professional dental and orthodontic services in the State of Florida.

This Corporation, subject to any specific written limitations imposed by the laws of the State of Florida, or by these Articles of Incorporation, and solely in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, shall have and exercise all of the powers and purposes specified and allowable under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III

CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock this Corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time shall be Ten Thousand (10,000) shares of common stock of the par value of One (\$1.00) Dollar each. The consideration to be paid for each share shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 200 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 1800, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Stephen L. Ziegler.

ARTICLE VI

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The business of this Corporation shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, and such Board of Directors shall consist of not less than one and not more than nine. A majority of the first Board of Directors named below shall have the power to approve and adopt the initial By-Laws of this Corporation until their successors are elected or appointed. The Shareholders are hereby authorized to adopt or amend a bylaw that fixes a greater or lesser quorum requirement or voting requirement than is fixed by law or its existing By-Laws.

The qualifications, time and place of election and term of office of each Director shall be provided for in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers and agents as may be provided for by the By-Laws of this Corporation, who shall be chosen, serve for such term, and have such duties as may be prescribed by such By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII

DIRECTORS ABSENTEE MEETINGS

Members of the Board of Directors may participate in meetings of the Board of Directors by means of telephone conferences as provided by law.

The directors of this Corporation may take action by written consent as provided by law.

ARTICLE VIII

INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The name and address of the sole member of the first Board of Directors, who, unless otherwise provided by the By-Laws of this Corporation, shall hold office and manage the affairs of the Corporation until his successor(s) is/are elected or appointed and have qualified, is as follows:

Raymond J. Nicol 181 Crawford Boulevard Boca Raton, Florida 33432-3728

ARTICLE IX

INCORPORATOR

The name and post office address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Raymond J. Nicol 181 Crawford Boulevard Boca Raton, FL 33432-3728

ARTICLE X

PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

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 XI

CUMULATIVE VOTING

At each election for directors, every shareholder entitled to vote at such election shall have the right to cumulate his votes by giving one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected at that time multiplied by the number of his shares, or by distributing such votes on the same principal among any number of such candidates.

ARTICLE XII

INTER-COMPANY CONTRACTS

No contract or other transaction between the Corporation and any other corporation, and no act of the Corporation shall be affected in any way or invalidated by the fact that any of the directors of the Corporation are pecuniarily or otherwise in, or are directors or officers of, such other corporation. Any directors, individually, or any firm of which any director may be a member, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily otherwise interest in, any contract or transaction of the Corporation, provided that the fact that he or such firm is so interested shall be disclosed or shall have been known to the Board of Directors or such members thereof as shall be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which action upon such contract or transaction shall be taken; and any director of the Corporation who is also a director or officer of such other corporation or who is so interested may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors which shall authorize any such contract or transaction, and may vote there at to 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.

ARTICLE XIII

STOCKHOLDERS' AGREEMENTS

The Corporation and its common stockholders, or the stockholders of the Corporation among themselves, may enter into any agreement restricting the transferability, assignment, encumbrance or pledge of the stock of this Corporation, whether voluntarily or involuntarily. Any such agreement

may confer upon the Corporation or the Stockholders, or both, the option of first refusal or mandatory purchase in the event any stockholder desires to transfer, assign, encumber or pledge his stock, with or without a consideration. Any such agreement may include such restrictions during the lifetime of any stockholders or upon the death or legal incompetence of any stockholder. Nothing contained in these Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Corporation shall be construed as authorizing a transfer of such stock upon the books of the Corporation in violation of any such agreement.

ARTICLE XIV

DIVIDENDS

Dividends may be paid to shareholders unless, after giving effect to the dividend, the Corporation will not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business; or the Corporation's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities. A director shall not be liable for dividends illegally declared, distributions illegally made to shareholders, or any other action taken by reliance in good faith upon the financial statements of the Corporation represented to him to be correct or a financial statement reflecting the financial condition of the Corporation, unless such act shall be determined to be willful or negligent; nor shall he be liable, if, in good faith in determining the amount available for dividends or distribution, he considers the assets to be of their book value.

ARTICLE XV

INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall indemnify any director made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of his being or having been a director or any officer of the Corporation, or a director or officer of any other Corporation which he served as such at the request of the Corporation, against the reasonable expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defenses or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with an appeal therein, except in relation to matters as to which such director may be adjudged to have been guilty of negligence or malfeasance in the discharge of his duties to the Corporation.

The Corporation shall indemnify any director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation for all acts, and under all circumstances provided for in Florida Statute 607.0850, and upon determination by the Board of Directors, the Corporation shall provide insurance against loss to the Corporation for such indemnification as provided by such law.

ARTICLE XVI

DIRECTORS' LIABILITY

No director shall be held liable or responsible for action taken by the Board of Directors acting under the provisions or in the manner authorized by these Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Corporation, nor for action taken by the Board of Directors in reliance on reasonable

ground or probable cause for believing that the Board is acting under the provisions of or in the manner authorized by the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws. The defense of any legal, equitable or other action taken by the Board of Directors, shall be conducted by counsel for the Corporation, unless the action, suit or proceeding is brought by or on behalf of the Corporation, including but not limited to expenses incurred in the course of attending trials, conferences, depositions, hearing and meetings, shall be paid by the Corporation, and in the event of a judgment or decree being rendered against the director, the Corporation shall indemnify and save him harmless.

ARTICLE XVII

REIMBURSEMENT OF DIRECTORS

If any legal, equitable or other action, suit or proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Corporation against a director, either individually or as director, shall result in a judgment, decree or decision in favor of the director, the Corporation shall be liable to and shall reimburse the director for all costs and expenses of the director in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys's fees, court costs and expenses incurred in the course of attending trials, conferences, depositions, hearings, meetings and appeals of the disposition of all such actions.

ARTICLE XVIII

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law, and may be amended without adoption at a formal meeting if all of the directors and all of the stockholders of the Corporation eligible to vote, sign a written statement manifesting their intention that an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation be adopted.

I, the undersigned, being the original incorporator of the foregoing Corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitute the Charter of the above Corporation.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 24th day of ______, 1997.

RAYMOND J. NICOL J. Pucol

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, appeared RAYMOND J. NICOL, who is personally known to me to be the person described as the Incorporator (or who has produced ______ as identification), and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that he subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation for the purposes set forth therein.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 24 day of 1997.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

Notary Seal or Stamp:

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL STEPHEN L ZIEGLER NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION NO. CC581856 MY COMMISSION EXP, SEIT 2,2000

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE-STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN ARTICLE V OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND FURTHER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE DISCHARGE OF ITS DUTIES.

DATED this <u>24</u> day of <u>June</u>, 1997.

STEPHEN L ZIEGLER

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