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

RE: Richard C. Gates, CPA, PA

Enclosed is an original and (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and certificate of designation of registered agent with a check for \$70.00.

Very truly yours,



Richard C. Gates

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Enclosures

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

July 25, 1997

RICHARD C. GATES  
516 MUIRFIELD DRIVE  
LAKE WORTH, FL 33462

SUBJECT: RICHARD C. GATES, CPA, PA  
Ref. Number: W97000017159

We have received your document for RICHARD C. GATES, CPA, PA and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The specific nature of business of the professional association must be stated in the document.

According to section 607.0202(1)(b) or 617.0202(1)(b), Florida Statutes, you must list the corporation's principal office, and if different, a mailing address in the document. If the principal address and the registered office address are the same, please indicate so in your document.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6929.

Randall Purinton  
Document Specialist

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## **Articles of Incorporation**

**of**

**Richard C. Gates, CPA, P.A.**

I, the undersigned, hereby associate myself for the purpose of forming a corporation to render services as Certified Public Accountant under the laws of the State of Florida.

*Article I* - The name of this corporation is:

Richard C. Gates, CPA, P.A.

*Article II* - The purpose of this corporation is to engage in the activity of public accounting permitted under the laws of the State of Florida

*Article III* - The maximum number of shares of stock which this corporation shall have outstanding at any time shall be 500 shares of common with a par value of \$1.00 per share. None of the shares may be issued to anyone other than an individual duly licensed to practice as an Certified Public Accountant within the State of Florida.

*Article IV* - This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

*Article V* - The Registered Agent and the street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be:

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The registered office address shall also be the principal address of the professional association.

The Board of Directors may, from time to time, move the principal office to any other address in the state of Florida.

*Article VI* - This corporation shall have a director initially. The number of directors may be changed from time to time by By-Laws adopted by the stockholders.

*Article VII* - Then name and address of the initial director of this corporation who shall hold office for the first year of the corporation's existence or until his successor has been elected and qualified is as follows:

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**Article VIII** - This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

**Article IX** - Nothing in these Articles of Incorporation shall be taken to limit the power of this corporation, and this corporation shall have all of the rights and powers that are expressly stated under the Florida Statutes and Laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party has hereunto set his hand and seal this 21 day of July, 1997.

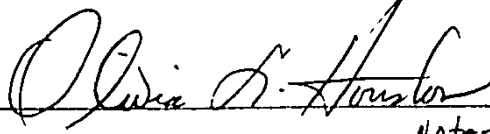
  
Richard C. Gates



STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation was acknowledged before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1997

  
Notary

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTRATION OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered agent, in the State of Florida.

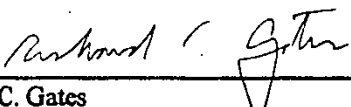
1. The name of the corporation is:

Richard C. Gates, CPA, PA

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Richard C. Gates  
516 Muirfield Drive  
Lake Worth, FL 33462

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE ABOVE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

  
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Richard C. Gates

Dated 7/21/97

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