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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

EMERALD COAST NEPHROLOGY, INC.

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

Article I: The name of the corporation shall be **Emerald Coast Nephrology, Inc.**

Article II: The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 226 South Palafox Street, 6th Floor, Pensacola, Florida 32501.

Article III: The number of shares of stock that the corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is One Thousand (1,000), all of which are without par value and classified as Common shares.

Article IV: The name and address of the initial registered agent is C T Corporation System, 1200 South Pine Island Road, Plantation, FL 33324.

The written acceptance of the initial registered agent, as required by the provisions of Section 607.0501(3) of the Florida Business Corporation Act, is set forth following the signature of the incorporator and is made a part hereof.

Article V: The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is: Corporate Access, Danny Bennett, 1116-D Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

Article VI: The name and street address of the sole Director is: Gary Brukhardt, 2100 West End Avenue, Suite 800, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Article VII: The purposes for which the corporation is organized is to engage in any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the provisions of the Florida Statutes.

Article VIII: The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

Article IX: The corporation shall, to the fullest extent legally permissible under the provisions of the Florida Business Corporation Act, as the same may be amended and supplemented, shall indemnify and hold harmless any and all persons whom it shall have power to indemnify under said provisions from and against any and all liabilities (including expenses) imposed upon or reasonably incurred by him in connection with any action, suit or other proceeding in which he may be involved or with which he may be threatened, or other matters referred to in or covered by said provisions both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer of the corporation. Such indemnification provided shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, Agreement or Resolution adopted by the shareholders entitled to vote thereon after notice.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 10th day of October, 1997.

Corporate Access, Incorporator

By: Danny Bennett
Danny Bennett, Pres.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, 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 obligations of my position as registered agent.

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By: Connie Bryan

Date: October 10, 1997

CONNIE BRYAN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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