LAW OFFICE

KEITH A. JAMES

October 10, 1997

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

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Department of State
Division of Corporations
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: NORTHPOINTE PARTNERS, INC.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation, together with this firm's check in the amount of \$122.50, representing payment for the following expenses:

Filing Fee	\$ 35.00
Registered Agent Fee	35.00
Certified Copy	<u>52.50</u>

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Total

\$122.50

Please return the certified copy to this office at your earliest convenience.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

KEITHA. JAMES

KAJ/kcc Enclosures

cc: Bruce Tannenbaum, D.V.M. (w/enc.)

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

NORTHPOINTE PARTNERS, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a Florida corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is NORTHPOINTE PARTNERS, INC.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 5500 Village Blvd., Suite #103, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407.

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE V

CAPITAL STOCK

The Corporation is authorized to issue 10,000 shares of common stock with \$0.01 par value per share.

ARTICLE VI

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 1655 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite 810, Tower C, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address is KEITH A. JAMES.

ARTICLE VII

INITIAL DIRECTOR

The name and street address of the initial director of the Corporation as follows:

Name:

Address:

1. Bruce Tannenbaum

5500 Village Blvd., Suite #103

West Palm Beach, Florida 33407

ARTICLE VIII

BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws of the Corporation shall be vested in the shareholders of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator is as follows:

Name:

Address:

KEITH A. JAMES, ESQ.

1655 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard

Suite 810, Tower C

West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation

this 10th day of October, 1997.

KEITH A. JAMES, ESQ

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	day of
[] is personally known to me; or [] has produced identification:	
Notary Public, State of Florida	. <u>. </u>
(Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public) JAN M. SETCHELL Notary Public, State of Florida My comm. expires Nov. 05, 2000 No. CC592928 Bonded thru Ashton Agency, Inc.	SECRETARY OF STATION SECRETARY CORPORATION 9: 3

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

I, KEITH A. JAMES, am familiar with and accept the obligations of the appointment as the initial registered agent of NORTHPOINTE PARTNERS, INC., as made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED this Oth day of October, 1997.

KEPPH A. JAMES, ESQ.