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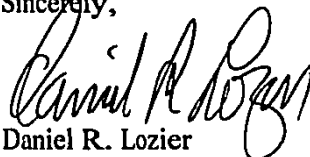
RE: Gulf Coast Surgical Services, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the above-referenced corporation is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation. Once this document has been filed, please return to us a certified copy of same. Enclosed is our firm's check in the amount \$122.50 to cover the filing fee.

Should you have any questions regarding any of this, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,


Daniel R. Lozier

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GULF COAST SURGICAL SERVICES, INC.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is GULF COAST SURGICAL SERVICES, INC. The principal place of business is 125 W. Romana Street, Suite 224, Pensacola, Florida 32501.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

The duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The general purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

- (1) To transact any lawful business or businesses for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida General Corporation Act.
- (2) To do such other things as are incidental to the foregoing or necessary, implied, helpful, or desirable in order to accomplish the foregoing.

ARTICLE IV

CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue 10,000 shares of no par value common stock.

ARTICLE V

REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office, and the mailing address of the Corporation in this State is 125 W. Romana Street, Suite 224, Pensacola, Florida 32501, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Daniel R. Lozier.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors of this corporation shall consist of one (1) member. The size of the board may be increased or decreased from time to time as prescribed in the bylaws or by applicable law, but never shall the board consist of less than one (1) member.

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATORS

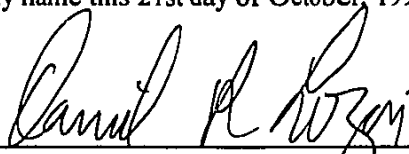
The name and address of the Incorporator is Daniel R. Lozier, 125 W. Romana Street, Suite 224, Pensacola, Florida 32501.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this 21st day of October, 1997.



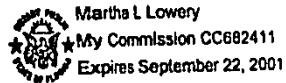
DANIEL R. LOZIER, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21st day of October, 1997, by Daniel R. Lozier, who is personally known to me or who has produced a driver's license as identification and has not taken an oath.

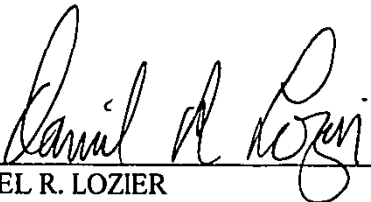
Martha L. Lowery
NOTARY PUBLIC
Commission No. _____
My Commission Expires: _____



ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS RESIDENT AGENT

I, the undersigned, being the person named as the Registered Agent of GULF COAST SURGICAL SERVICES, INC., a Florida corporation, hereby certify that I am familiar with the obligations provided for in Florida Statutes Chapter 607.0505 and hereby accept the appointment of Registered Agent and hereby accept said obligations.

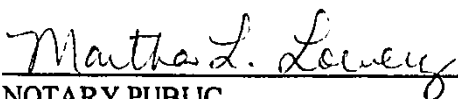
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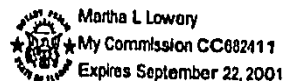

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