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Corporate Records Bureau **Division of Corporations** Department of State P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32301

> Articles of Incorporation Re: The Florida Group, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation for the above corporation. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$122.50 as follows:

Filing Fee	\$ 35.00
Certified Copy of Charter	52.50
Resident Agent Certificate	<u>35.00</u>
Total	\$122.50

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Please send us a certified copy of the Articles when filed. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Kris L. Leal Legal Assistant

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Articles Of Incorporation Of The Florida Group, Inc.

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Article I - Name

#### The name of this corporation is The Florida Group, Inc.

### Article II - Effective Date and Duration

This corporation shall begin existence as of the date of filing with the Secretary of State and continue perpetually unless dissolved.

### Article III - Purpose

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business.

### **Article IV - Preferred and Common Stock**

The corporation is authorized to issue up to One Hundred Million (100,000,000) shares of preferred stock with a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00). Additionally, the corporation is authorized to issue up to Fifty Million (50,000,000) shares of common stock with no par value.

#### **Article V - Authority**

This corporation has the authority to conduct any and all lawful business which can be legally conducted by any corporation.

#### Article VI - Dividends

This corporation shall pay dividends upon the terms and conditions specified by the Board of Directors from time to time.

#### **Article VII - Incorporator**

The name of and address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

Charles C. Chillingworth, Esq. Chillingworth & Conway, P.A. 2090 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard Suite 800 West Palm Beach, FL 33409

### **Article X - Officers and Directors**

The following persons hereby hold the offices indicated, subscribe to the number of shares indicated, and reside at the addresses listed:

Name	Number of Shares	Office
Robert Maxwell P. O. Box 329 Bartow, FL 33831	0	President and Director
Zhenwei "John" Yao 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 3450 Miami, FL 33131	0	Vice President and Director
Norman J. Birmingham 10250 NW 52nd Street Coral Springs, FL 33076	0	Treasurer and Director
Charles C. Chillingworth 2090 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard Suite 800 West Palm Beach, FL 33409	1	General Counsel and Director

Directors shall hold office for a period of one (1) year and shall be elected at each shareholder's meeting. There shall be (4) directors initially.

#### **Article IX - Powers of Directors**

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by Statute, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to make and alter the By-Laws of this corporation to fix the amount to be reserved as working capital over and above its capital stock paid in, and to authorize and cause to be executed mortgages and liens upon real and personal property belonging to this corporation. The Board of Directors shall also have the authority to hire and fire all employees of the corporation and to fix their compensation, unless these responsibilities are delegated to an officer.

#### **Article X - Principal Place of Business**

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 2090 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite 800, West Palm Beach, FL 33409. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the place of business of this corporation.

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#### Article XI - Registered Agent

The Registered Agent for service of process of this corporation, who shall serve until removed by the Board of Directors, is **Charles C. Chillingworth, Esq.**, Chillingworth & Conway, P.A., 2090 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite 800, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

# Article XII - Private Property of Shareholders

The private property of the shareholders shall not be subject to the payment of any corporate debts to any extent whatsoever.

#### Article XIII - Excess Salary

In the event that the Internal Revenue Service determines that a portion of the salary paid by this corporation to any of its employees, including its officers and directors, is excessive under the law as it exists at that time, and will not allow the corporation to deduct said portion of salary from its earnings as an operating expense, said portion of salary deemed to be excessive shall be automatically repaid to the corporation.

#### **Article XIV - Excess Business Expense**

In the event that the Internal Revenue Service determines that any business expense of the corporation is invalid or excessive under the law as it exists at that time, and will not allow the corporation to deduct a portion of said business expense, said portion of the business expense deemed to be excessive shall be automatically repaid to the corporation.

#### Article XV - Amendments

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscriber to the shares of capital stock hereinabove described, for the purpose of forming a corporation to do business under the laws of the State of Florida, does hereby make and file these Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true, and does agree to take the number of shares as hereinabove set forth, and hereunto has set his hand and seal this <u>and</u> day of February, 1998.

Charles C. Chillingworth

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# STATE OF FLORIDA **COUNTY OF PALM BEACH**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Charles C. Chillingworth, to me known personally to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who did not take an oath, and acknowledged before me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 3rd day of February, 1998.



#### Acceptance

I. Charles C. Chillingworth, whose address is Chillingworth & Conway, P.A., 2090 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite 800, West Palm Beach, FL 33409, do hereby accept the appointment of Registered Agent for The Florida Group, Inc.

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Charles C. Chillingworth **Registered** Agent