

P98000073246

LAW OFFICE  
OF  
BRIAN D. SMITH  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

BRIAN D. SMITH  
MEMBER OF FLORIDA BAR

SUITE 372, 420 LINCOLN ROAD  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA 33139  
TELEPHONE: (305) 672-7000  
FAX: (305) 532-9092

AUGUST 17, 1998

200002620632--4  
-08/20/98--01023--004  
\*\*\*\*122.50 \*\*\*\*122.50

ATTN: SECRETARY OF STATE  
DIVISION/CORPORATIONS  
FILING DEPARTMENT  
409 EAST GAINES STREET  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399

RE: ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION; THE PATTERSON GROUP, INC.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

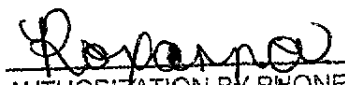
ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND ORIGINAL AND COPY OF THE ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED CORPORATION. ALSO,  
ENCLOSED IS A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122.50.

AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS  
DOCUMENT. I HAVE ENCLOSED A STAMPED, AND ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.  
THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,

  
ROXANNA ESTADES  
ENC.

FILED  
98 AUG 20 AM 10:01  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

 GAVE  
AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE TO  
CORRECT 8/21/98  
DATE 8/21/98  
DOC. EXAM TA

TA - 8/21/98

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE PATTERSON GROUP, INC.**

**FILED**  
**98 AUG 20 AM 10: 01**  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be THE PATTERSON GROUP, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

**PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principle place of business of the corporation will be  
10360 SW 106 Street, Miami, Florida 33197

**ARTICLE III**

**TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall exist perpetually unless sooner dissolved according to law, commencing on the date and time of filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State stated herein below.

**ARTICLE IV**

**PURPOSE AND POWERS**

This corporation is organized for the any and all lawful purposes.

**ARTICLE V**

**CAPITAL STOCK**

This corporation is authorized to issue 1000 shares of common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered agent will be 10360 SW 106 Street, Miami, Florida. The initial registered agent shall be Mr. Kenneth C. Patterson.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This corporation shall have one initial / <sup>Director.</sup> The name and address of the initial director is: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth C. Patterson  
10360 SW 106 Street  
Miami, Florida 33197

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

Kenneth C. Patterson  
10360 SW 106 Street  
Miami, Florida 33197

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director or any former officer or director or member of the Executive Committee or any shareholder to the full extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE X**

**AMENDMENT**

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

\*\*\*\*\*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation this 19<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 1998.

  
KENNETH C. PATTERSON

DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA,  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.050, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING  
IS SUBMITTED:

THAT THE PATTERSON GROUP, INC., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the state of Florida, with its principle place of buissness at City Miami, State of Florida, has named Kenneth C. Patterson, at 10360 SW 106 Street, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

SIGNATURE: Kenneth Patterson

TITLE: Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 8/17/98

Having been named to accept service of process for above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further state that I am familiar with the obligations of the position and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relatives the to proper performance of my duties.

SIGNATURE: Kenneth Falters

FILED  
98 AUG 20 AM 10:01  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA