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# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

<u>OF</u>

## PUOPOLO & THOMPSON, P.A.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned natural person, who is licensed and otherwise legally authorized to practice accounting in the State of Florida, intends to form a professional corporation in accordance with the Florida Professional Service Corporation and Limited Liability Company Act, Chapter 621, Fla.Stat., and hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

#### ARTICLE I

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS: The name of this corporation is PUOPOLO & THOMPSON, P.A., and its mailing address is 27657 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135.

#### ARTICLE II

**PURPOSE:** The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are:

a. To engage in the practice of accounting in the State of Florida as a professional corporation and to own and operate an accounting office for the purposes of providing accounting services.

b. To furnish accounting services; and to own real and personal property, enter into contracts, and engage in any lawful business necessary for the rendering of such professional services.

c. To do everything necessary, proper, or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the purposes herein set forth, and to do every other act incidental thereto which is not forbidden by the laws of the State of Florida or by the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation.

The purposes of this Corporation shall be carried out only through officers, employees, and agents, each of whom is duly licensed or otherwise legally qualified to render accounting services in the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE III**

<u>CAPITAL STOCK:</u> The maximum number of shares of stock that this Corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is 1,000 shares of common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share, with the consideration to be paid for each share to be in money, property or services, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV

**TERM OF EXISTENCE:** This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

### **ARTICLE V**

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT: The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation shall be ROBERT R. THOMPSON, and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at the address is 27657 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

LIMITATION OF ISSUANCE AND TRANSFER OF STOCK: This Corporation shall not issue any of its capital stock, nor shall any shareholder of this Corporation sell or transfer his shares in the Corporation, to anyone not licensed to practice accounting in the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE VII

NUMBER OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall consist of one or more directors, the exact number of which shall be the number of directors from time to time fixed by the Board of Directors or the stockholders in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation. Directors, as such, shall receive such compensation for their services, if any as may be set by the Board of Directors at an annual or special meeting. The directors may authorize and require the payment of the reasonable expenses incurred by directors in attending meetings of

the directors. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to preclude a director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

#### ARTICLE VIII

INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The name and street address of each member of this Corporation's first Board of Directors are as follows:

Name

Address

**ROBERT R. THOMPSON** 

27657 Old 41 Road Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

### ARTICLE IX

**SUBSCRIBER:** The name and street address of each subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Name

Address

ROBERT R. THOMPSON

27657 Old 41 Road Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

#### **ARTICLE X**

LOST OR DESTROYED CERTIFICATES: Stock certificates to replace lost or destroyed certificates shall be issued on such basis and according to such procedures as are from time to time provided for in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

AMENDMENT: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders, and approved at a stockholders' meeting by a majority of the stock issued and entitled to be voted, unless all of the directors and all of the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned does set his hand and seal and has knowledge and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida this <u>24th</u> day of November, 1998.

ROBERT R. THOMPSON

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BEFORE ME personally appeared ROBERT R. THOMPSON, to me well known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that he executed same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the county and state aforesaid mentioned this 24th day of November, 1998.

STEVEN R. KUTNER
MY COMMISSION # CC 569737
EXPIRES: October 28, 2000
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

Steven R. Kutner, Notary Public Commission No.: CC563737 My Commission Expires:

# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICES OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

That **PUOPOLO & THOMPSON**, **P.A.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at **Bonita Springs**, **Lee** County, State of Florida, has named **ROBERT THOMPSON**, located at **27657 Old 41 Road**, **Bonita Springs**, **Florida 34135** as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### <u>ACKNOWLEDGMENT</u>

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-named Corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned agrees to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the designated office open.

Date: November 24, 1998

ROBERT R. THOMPSON

SECRETARY OF STATE