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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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Division of Corporations  
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Re: Filing of Articles of Incorporation  
VENTURE MEDICAL DEVICES, INC.

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-listed corporation. Also enclosed is my firm's check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the cost of the filing. Please file the original of the Articles of Incorporation, stamp the date of filing on the provided copy, and return to the undersigned for our records in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions or if there are any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Frederick J. Mills*  
Frederick J. Mills

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Enclosures:

1. Original Articles of Incorporation
2. Check in the amount of \$70.00
3. Copy of Articles for return
4. Return envelope

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

VENTURE MEDICAL DEVICES, INC.

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The undersigned incorporator, hereby makes, subscribes, acknowledges and files with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be VENTURE MEDICAL DEVICES, INC. The effective date of the Corporation shall be December 8, 1998.

ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business or businesses to be conducted by this corporation, together with and in addition to those powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporations organized under and by virtue of the laws of Florida, shall be as follows:

(a) To sell medical devices, equipment, instruments, and/or supplies to hospitals and/or physicians.

(b) To buy, sell, option, deal in, lease, hold or improve real estate and the fixtures and personal property incident thereto and connected therewith and, with that end in view, to acquire by purchase, lease, or hire, or otherwise, lands, tenements, hereditaments, or any interest therein, and to improve the property of the corporation, and to sell, lease, mortgage, rent, pledge or otherwise dispose of the lands, tenements, hereditaments or other property of the corporation.

(c) To buy, sell, discount and rediscount notes, drafts, bills of exchange, stocks, bonds, securities, and choices of action of all kinds, both as principal and as agent; to also buy, sell and place

liens on real and personal property, and to lend money and accept as security therefor liens or pledges of real and personal property; and to also act as agent or trustee of persons and corporations in any and all other matters which can be solicited, negotiated, operated, and carried on by an agent.

(d) To purchase and sell for itself personal property, stocks, bonds, warrants, and notes and to negotiate loans thereon; to acquire, enjoy, purchase, hold, sell, and transfer the shares of stock of any corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida or any other state of the United States or qualified to do business in any other state of the United States or country belonging to the United Nations or qualified to do business in such nation. To purchase, hold, sell, and transfer shares of its own capital stock, provided this corporation shall not purchase its own shares of stock except from the surplus of its assets over its liabilities, including capital, and provided further that shares of its own capital stock owned by the corporation shall not be voted directly or indirectly nor counted as outstanding for the purpose of any stockholders' quorum or vote.

(e) To act as a fiscal agent for others, to lend money on notes, bonds, mortgages, and commercial securities of all kinds and, while the owner of stock in a corporation, to exercise all the rights of a stockholder therein; to borrow money and secure the payment of same by notes, bonds, drafts or other evidence of indebtedness; to endorse and guarantee the payment of notes and mortgages and all kinds of indebtedness, and to pledge and mortgage any or all of its real estate and personal property for the payment of its own debts or for the debts of others guaranteed by it.

(f) To borrow money and contract debts necessary for the transaction of its corporate rights, privileges or franchises or for any other lawful purpose of its incorporators; to issue bonds, promissory notes, bills of exchange, debentures, or other obligations and evidences of indebtedness payable at a specific time or times, or payable upon the happening of a specified event or events, whether secured by mortgage, pledge or otherwise, or unsecured, for money borrowed or in payment of property purchased or acquired or any other lawful objects.

(g) To acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights, trademarks and licenses or other rights or interests therein and thereunder, and to manufacture, sell and distribute, at wholesale or retail, all such articles covered by any such patents, copyrights, or trademarks.

(h) To apply and qualify to carry on the general nature of business or businesses as authorized by this corporate charter and/or any amendments hereto in any state of the United States of America.

(i) To act as general partner or limited partner in partnership ventures of all kinds, including, but not limited to, general partnerships and limited partnerships both within and without the state of Florida.

(j) To do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objects enumerated in its Articles of Incorporation or amendment thereof or necessary or incidental to the protection or benefit of the corporation and, in addition to the specific powers herein enumerated, to have any and all rights, powers, and privileges which are, can be or may be granted to corporations incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida and, in that connection to carry on any lawful business necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the corporation, whether such business is similar in nature to the objects set forth in the Articles of Incorporation or any amendment thereof.

### **ARTICLE III**

The capital stock of the corporation shall be divided into 10,000 shares of common stock with par value of \$1.00 per share, and each share shall entitle the holder thereof to vote at any meeting of the stockholders. All or any part of said capital stock may be paid for in cash, with property, or in labor or services at a valuation to be fixed by the incorporator or by the Board of Directors at a meeting called for such purpose. All stock when issued shall be fully paid for and shall be nonassessable.

### **ARTICLE V**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VI

The principal offices of the corporation shall be located at 17040 Winners Circle, Odessa, Florida 33556, but the corporation shall have the power to establish branch offices and other places of business at such other places within or without the state of Florida as may be determined and deemed expedient by the Directors.

#### ARTICLE VII

This corporation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than one. The name and address of the initial director is as follows:

Gregory K. Nelson  
17040 Winners Circle  
Odessa, Florida 33556

A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Directors qualified and acting, and the act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Directors. The Directors may make or amend the Bylaws. The meeting of the Directors may be held within or without the state of Florida. A person shall not have to be a stockholder in order to qualify as a director.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Gregory K. Nelson  
17040 Winners Circle  
Odessa, Florida 33556

and the officers of said corporation who shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified shall be as follows:

President/Secretary/Treasurer

Gregory K. Nelson

#### ARTICLE IX

The time and place of the annual stockholders' meeting shall be the 15th day of January of each and every year at the principal offices of the corporation unless otherwise fixed in the Bylaws or by a resolution of the Board of Directors, and any stockholder may waive notice thereof before or after the meeting.

The Board of Directors shall be elected annually by the stockholders at their annual meeting or at a special meeting held for that purpose. All vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Board until the next annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE X

The Board of Directors shall have full power to fix their own compensation including any bonus or gratuity and to fix the compensation of any of the officers or any other member of the Board performing special services for the corporation, and any member of the Board may vote upon such compensation matters even though his own compensation may be the subject of the resolution.

#### ARTICLE XI

Except as otherwise provided by law, the entire voting power for the election of directors and for all other purposes shall be vested exclusively in the holders of the outstanding common shares, except as provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE XII

The name and address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is Frederick J. Mills, Esquire, of Morrison, Morrison & Mills, P.A., at 1200 W. Platt Street, Suite 100, Tampa, Florida 33606.

#### ARTICLE XIII

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

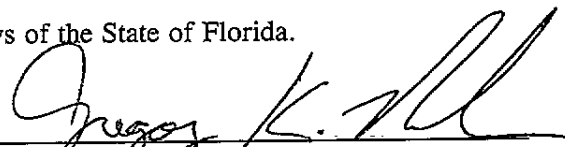
**ARTICLE XIV**

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

**ARTICLE XV**

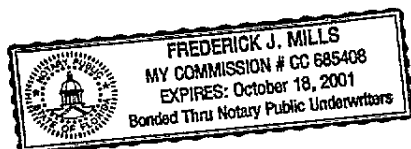
No contract or other transaction between this corporation and any other corporation and no act of this corporation shall in any way be affected or invalidated by the fact that any of the directors of this corporation are pecuniarily or otherwise interested in or are directors or officers of such other corporation; any director individually, or any firm of which any director may be a member, may be a party to or be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any contract or transaction of this corporation, provided that the fact that he or such firm so interested shall be disclosed or shall have been known to be by the Board of Directors of a majority thereof, and any director of this corporation who is also a director or officer of such other corporation or who is interested may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of this corporation, which shall authorize any such contract or transaction with like force and effect as if he were not such director or officer of such other corporation or not so interested.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged, and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the existing laws of the State of Florida.

  
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Gregory K. Nelson, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998, by Gregory K. Nelson, who is personally known to me or who has produced identification.



  
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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

Print Name: FREDERICK J. MILLS

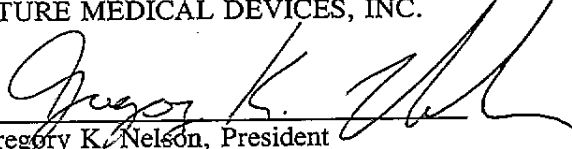
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR  
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NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS  
SUBMITTED:

FIRST - That VENTURE MEDICAL DEVICES, INC., qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business in the City of Tampa, State of Florida, has named Frederick J. Mills, Esquire, of Morrison, Morrison & Mills, P.A., 1200 W. Platt Street, Suite 100, Tampa, Florida 33606, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

VENTURE MEDICAL DEVICES, INC.

By:   
Gregory K. Nelson, President

DATE: December 8, 1998

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE-STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

  
Frederick J. Mills, Registered Agent

DATE: December 8, 1998