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# **Articles of Incorporation**

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# The Preferred Group International, Inc.

I, the undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the corporation shall be The Preferred Group International, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II NATURE OF BUSINESS

This corporation may engage or transact in any or all lawful activities or businesses permitted under the laws of the United States, the State of Florida or any other state, country, territory or nation.

### ARTICLE III CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is One Thousand (1,000) shares of common stock having a \$1.00 par value per share.

#### ARTICLE IV PRINCIPAL ADDRESS AND REGISTERED OFFICE AND ADDRESS

The principal address of the corporation is 1911 Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida 33020. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is Stephen W. Screnci whose address is 3200 N. Military Trail, Suite 200, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

#### ARTICLE V TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

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#### ARTICLE VI CUMULATIVE VOTING

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All shareholders are entitled to cumulate their votes for directors.

#### ARTICLE VII PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Every shareholder upon the sale for cash of any new stock of this corporation of the same kind, class, or series as that which he holds, shall have the right to purchase his pro-rata share thereof at the price at which it is offered to others.

## ARTICLE VIII

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS & DESIGNATION OF INITIAL DIRECTOR**

The names and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are Timothy J. Connor of 11364 Woodchuck Drive, Boca Raton, Florida 33428 and Richard A. Bates of 14600 South Beckley Square, Fort Lauderdale 33325.

#### ARTICLE IX <u>BY-LAWS</u>

The initial By-Laws of the corporation shall be adopted by vote of the directors of the corporation. Thereafter, the By-Laws of the corporation may be amended, modified or repealed as provided by the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE X SUBSCRIBER(S)

The name and address of the Subscriber to these Articles are Timothy J. Connor of 11364 Woodchuck Drive, Boca Raton, Florida 33428.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand(s) and seal(s) on this <u>194</u> day of February, 1999.

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**Timothy J. Connor** 

#### STATE OF FLORIDA ss: COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid, to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Timothy J. Connor, to me known to be the person described as the Subscribers of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he executed said Articles and he acknowledged before me that he subscribed to said Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL in the County and State named above on this //// day of February, 1999.

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Notary Public

STEVEN C. RUBINO My Comm Exp. 5/26/2001 Bonded By Service Ins No. CC650461 [] Personally Known [] Other I.D.

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#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.

Stephen W. Screnci Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid, to take acknowledgments, personally appeared **Stephen W. Screnci** to me known to be the person described as the Registered Agent and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that they subscribed to those Articles of Incorporation.

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WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL in the County and State named above on this  $\angle \frac{94}{7}$  day of February, 1999.

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