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February 17, 1999

Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Articles of Incorporation

Northwestern Retirement Resources, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed please find the Articles of Incorporation for the new Corporation of Northwestern Retirement Resources, Inc.. Additionally, enclosed you will find a Certificate Designating Registered Agent and Registered Office for Northwestern Retirement Resources, Inc.. Furthermore, the filing fee of \$70.00 is enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance and should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

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OF

NORTHWESTERN RETIREMENT RESOURCES, INC.

<u>FIRST</u>: The name of the Corporation is Northwestern Retirement Resources, Inc.

<u>SECOND</u>: This Corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business for which corporations may be formed under the Florida Statues.

THIRD: This Corporation is authorized to issue 100 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

FOURTH: The address of the principal office of the Corporation is 400 Executive Center Drive, Suite 204, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401.

FIFTH: The street address for the initial registered office of the Corporation is 400 Executive Center Drive, Suite 204, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation is Bradley L. Larsen.

SIXTH: The Corporation shall have one (1) Director initially and the number of Directors may be increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the By-Laws, but shall never be less than one (1). The name of the initial Director of the Corporation is:

Bradley L. Larsen 400 Executive Center Drive Suite 204 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 SEVENTH: The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation is Elizabeth A. Metzger, 1550 Southern Boulevard, Suite 300, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406.

EIGHTH: The duration of the is Corporation is perpetual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1011 day of February, 1999.

Elizabeth A. Metzge

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The foregoing document was acknowledged before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid, to take acknowledgements, this 18th day of through, 1999, by

is personally known to me; or

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 as identification; and who:
- [] did or
- [] Did not, take an oath,

and who executed the within document, and who acknowledged the within document to be freely and voluntarily executed for the purposes therein recited.

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL
BONNIE H BLAKE
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. CC770064
MY COMMISSION EXP. SEPT 13,2002

My Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

In compliance with Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

NORTHWESTERN RETIREMENT RESOURCES, INC., desiring to organize as a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 400 Executive Center Drive, Suite 204, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 as its initial Registered Office and has named Bradley L. Larsen located at that address as its initial Registered Agent.

BY:

Elizabeth A. Metzger Incorporator

Having been named Registered Agent for the above stated corporation at the designated Registered Office, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida Statutes relative to keeping open said office.

Bradley L. Larsen Registered Agent