

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be **PUTNAM FIRST CANCER FUND, INC.**

## **ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of this corporation shall be 101 Pioneer Rd., Palatka, FL 32177. The mailing address of this corporation shall be 600 Zeagler Dr., Palatka, FL 32177.

## **ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to receive and/or solicit contributions and to use those contributions

- (a) to facilitate educational, awareness, and cancer screening programs and activities within Putnam County, Florida, and
- (b) to assist residents of Putnam County, Florida, who have been diagnosed with cancer or who may need diagnostic testing to determine the presence of cancer. The contributions shall not be used for the treatment of cancer, but only to assist patients in meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, lodging, utilities, transportation and other special needs as may be approved. The recipients must meet the following eligibility requirements:
  - (1) no insurance, underinsured, or medically needy; and/or
  - (2) income level below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

**ARTICLE IV – TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

The manner in which the trustees and officers are to be elected and/or appointed shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE V – INITIAL TRUSTEES**

The initial trustees of the corporation shall be:

Ben Bates  
3400 Crill Ave.  
Palatka, FL 32177

Gary Getchell  
100 Herja Acre Ln.  
Palatka, FL 32177

Rev. Karl Flagg  
1700 Oak St.  
Palatka, FL 32177

Ed Hedstrom  
147 Walton Rd.  
East Palatka, FL 32131

J.R. Newbold III  
610 Old Highway 17  
Crescent City, FL 32112

Joe Pickens  
5001 St. Johns Ave.  
Palatka, FL 32177

Shann Purinton  
121 Peniel Church Rd.  
Palatka, FL 32177

Henry Hirschman  
724 Berkshire Ter.  
St. Augustine, FL 32092

John Gaines  
530 Zeagler Dr.  
Palatka, FL 32177

Danny Hemphill  
P.O. Box 20  
Interlachen, FL 32148

**ARTICLE VI – NET EARNINGS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a

corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE VIII – REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: Charles T. Douglas, Jr.  
601 St. Johns Ave.  
Palatka, FL 32177

**ARTICLE IX – INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Anand M. Kuruvilla  
600 Zeagler Drive  
Palatka, FL 32177

*Having been named as a registered agent to accept service of process for the above state corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

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Required Signature of Registered Agent

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Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in section 817.155, Florida Statutes.*

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Required Signature of Registered Incorporator

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Date