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OF

THAD EUREANGE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC. SECRETARY OF STATE
NORTH CAROLINA

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, do hereby associate ourselves into a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act," and the several amendments thereto, and to that end do hereby set forth:

- l. The name of the corporation is Orange Rural Fire Department No. 1, Inc.
 - 2. The period of duration of the corporation shall be unlimited.
- 3. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively for charitable purposes as follows:

To buy, lease, or otherwise acquire any fire fighting equipment, including fire trucks and other fire fighting appartus, to acquire by purchase or lease or otherwise property both real and personal for the purpose of operating and maintaing a fire department, and to do and perform any and all acts necessary or beneficial to the operation of a rural fire department.

- 4. The corporation shall have one class of members who shall qualify as such by paying the membership fee as prescribed by the board of directors, and each qualified member shall be entitled to the right to vote.
- 5. The directors of the corporation shall be elected as provided by the bylaws.
- 6. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual.
- 7. Upon dissolution of this corporation the assets thereof shall go to the State of North Carolina and be paid to the Escheats Officer for the University of North Carolina.

- 8. The initial registered office of the corporation shall be 138 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, Orange County, North Carolina, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address shall be Marshall L. Cates, Jr.
 - 9. The initial board of directors shall be constituted as follows:

Marion Clark Hillsborough, North Carolina

Marshall L. Cates, Jr. Hillsborough, North Carolina

Reid Roberts RFD 1, Hillsborough, North Carolina

George Gilmore Hillsborough, North Carolina

Clarence D. Jones Hillsborough, North Carolina

10. The names and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation shall be as follows:

Marion Clark

Hillsborough, North Carolina

Marshall L. Cates, Jr.

Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Reid Roberts

RFD 1, Hillsborough, North Carolina

George Gilmore

Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Clarence D. Jones

Hillsborough, North Carolina

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands,

this the 3/ day of May, 1968.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

This is to certify, that on the <u>3</u> / day of May, 1968, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Marion Clark, Marshall L. Cates, Jr., Reid Roberts, George Gilmore, and Clarence D. Jones, who I am satisfied

are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge: that they signed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and a affixed my official seal, this the <u>3/</u> day of May, 1968.

Ducille B. Ray

:My commission expires: 4-30-69