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**SUBJECT:** Americans For Equality Foundation, Incorporated  
**(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)**

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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Status

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& Certified Copy

\$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** William Rettinger  
Name (Printed or typed)  
819 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Ct., #4  
Address  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304  
City, State & Zip  
(954) 522-7794  
Daytime Telephone number

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**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**Americans For Equality Foundation, Inc.**

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Article I  
NAME

The name of the corporation is Americans For Equality Foundation, Inc.

Article II  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of this Corporation shall be 819 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Ct., #4, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304. The business of this Corporation may be conducted in all counties of the State of Florida and in all states of the United States, and in all territories thereof, and in all foreign countries as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

Article III  
PURPOSE

- (a) To act and operate exclusively as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, and to act and operate as a charitable organization whose intent is to respond to discrimination of any kind, particularly that is based on sexual orientation in Broward County and the State of Florida through documentation, advocacy, coalition building, public education, and through technical assistance.
- (b) To engage in any and all activities and pursuits, and to support or assist such other organizations, as may be reasonably related to the foregoing and following purposes.
- (c) To engage in any and all other lawful purposes, activities and pursuits, which are substantially similar to the foregoing and which are or may hereafter be authorized by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are consistent with those powers described in the Florida Statutes, as amended and supplemented.
- (d) To solicit and receive contributions, purchase, own and sell real and personal property, to make contracts, to invest corporate funds, to spend corporate funds for corporate purposes, and to engage in any activity "in furtherance of, incidental to, or connected with any of the other purposes."

- (i) 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 persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein;
- (ii) 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 any candidate for public office except as authorized under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;
- (iii) 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 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

#### Article IV

#### MANNER OF ELECTION

Election of new directors or election of current directors to additional terms will occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the corporation.

- (a) In accordance with the Bylaws, a Nomination Committee shall select and, with the Board of Directors approval, cause to be placed on the Ballot a qualified candidate for each office under consideration, with no limit to the number of candidates for each office. A place shall be provided for Write-In candidates.
  - (i) "Even" numbered Directors and the Secretary shall be nominated and elected in "even" numbered years, while "odd" numbered Directors, the Treasurer, and all others shall be nominated and elected in "odd" numbered years.

(ii) The remaining Officers shall be elected every other year for a term of two (2) years. The intent/purpose of this method of nomination and election is to assure and/or enhance these officers and Directors effectiveness by providing a more continuous representation.

(b) Nominations will be accepted until a qualified candidate is obtained for each office. The Nominations committee shall present the ballot to the Board of Directors for their approval at the annual meeting. Resumes of candidates and the approved ballot with copies will be distributed to the Secretary for dissemination. A timetable for this process and deadline dates will be set by the Nominations Committee and approved by the Executive Committee prior to the annual meeting. Election to office will be by a plurality of votes cast for that office.

(c) No individual can run for, be elected to, or hold, more than one position simultaneously.

(d) In the event of a tie vote in the election, the winning candidate will be determined by lot, at the time of the ballot count.

(e) The Chairs shall notify the newly elected Officers of the Election results by announcement at the annual meeting or via U.S. mail or more expedient means.

#### Article V

#### DIRECTORS

The number of directors of this Corporation shall be 10, or more than 10, as fixed from time to time by the By-Laws of the Corporation. The number of directors constituting the present Board of Directors of the Corporation is 10, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

Name	Address
William Rettinger	819 NE 14 <sup>th</sup> Ct., #4, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304
Jim Woodward	1502 NE 12 St., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304
Christine Lane	2791 NE 57 Ct., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308
Marc S. Dickerman	1417 Himmarshee St., #2 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Robert Koltay 3900 Galt Ocean Dr., #1503, Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
33308  
Richard Giorgio 131 Lake Dora Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33411  
Robin Bodiford 1520 NE 32 St., Oakland Park, Florida 33334  
Mike Nolan 608 NE 2nd Street, #442, Dania Beach, FL 33004  
Phyllis Kessler 1528 Whitehall Dr., #101, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33324  
Gail Palestrini 121 NW 36 St., Oakland Park, Florida 33309

Article VI

REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the corporation's initial registered office shall be: 2929 East Commercial Boulevard, Suite 205, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308.

Such office may be changed at any time by the Board of Directors without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

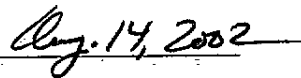
The corporations initial registered agent at such address shall be:

George A. Lane

I hereby acknowledge and accept appointment as corporate registered agent:



George A. Lane



Date

Article VII

INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Name	Address
William Rettinger	819 NE 14 <sup>th</sup> Ct., #4, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304
Jim Woodward	1502 NE 12 St. Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304

Article VIII

MEMBERS/STOCK

The corporation shall not have any class of members or stock.

Article IX

DURATION

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

Article X

BY-LAWS

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

Article XI

DISTRIBUTIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its 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 of Incorporation, 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, as amended or supplemented, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or supplemented.

Article XII


DISSOLUTION

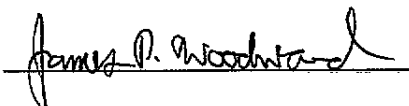
Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or supplemented, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court 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.

In Witness Whereof, We William Rettinger, and Jim Woodward have executed these Articles of Incorporation in duplicate, and say:

That we are all incorporators herein; that we have read the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation; know the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of our knowledge and belief, excepting as to matters herein alleged upon information and belief and as to those matters we believe to be true.

  
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William Rettinger 8/13/02  
Date

  
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Jim Woodward 8/8/02  
Date

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