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SUBJECT: <u>Heartland Bluegrass Music Association, Inc.</u> (Proposed Corporate Name - <u>MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX</u>)

| Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the ar (Make checks payable to: Department of State) \$70.00 Filing Fee \$ Certificate of Status | \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy ADDITIONAL COPY ENcloses | \$87.50 Filing, Fee, Certified Cop Certificate of | oy & Status | |
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Notary Public, State of Florida

Notary Public, State 10-29-14

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Commission No. EE29826

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of Heartland Bluegrass Music Association, Inc. In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit)

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby certify:

<u>ARTICLE 1:</u>
The name of the corporation shall be: <u>HEARTLAND BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION, INC</u>.

<u>ARTICLE II:</u>
The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located, is in the Town of Sarasota, Sarasota County. The principal business and mailing address will be: 2309 Lark Lane, Sarasota, FL 34231.

<u>ARTICLE III:</u>

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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.

ARTICLE IV:

The first Board of Directors, who shall, subject to these Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and the Laws of the State of Florida, hold office for the first two (2) years of the corporation's existence, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified set forth in the By-Laws of the corporation or until their earlier resignation, removal or death, are as follows:

President: <u>DAVE COWLES</u>, 2309 Lark Lane <u>Sarasota</u>, <u>FL 34231</u>

Vice-President: TOM BENNETT, 4376 Upper Meadow Road Mulberry, FL 33860

Secretary: MARTY BENNETT, 4376 Upper Meadow Road Mulberry, FL 33860

Treasurer: <u>SHARON COWLES</u>, 2309 <u>Lark Lane</u> <u>Sarasota</u>, <u>FL 34231</u>

ARTICLE V:
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 Three 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 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 tax code.

ARTICLE VI:

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of sections 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 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.

as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. <u>ARTICLE VII:</u> The existence of the corporation shall be perpetual commencing upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation. <u>ARTICLE VIII:</u> The <u>name and Florida street address</u> (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the <u>Registered Agent</u> is: DAVE <u>COWLES</u> 2309 Lark Lane Sarasota, FL 34231 ARTICLE IX: The **name and address** of the Incorporator is: <u>DAVE COWLES</u> 2309 Lark Lane Sarasota, FL 34231 U Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated of corporation at the place designated in the certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and coree to act in this case. appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. 11-3-10 Signature/Registered Agent 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 s.817.155, F.S. Signature/Incorporator

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this day of 3. November 20 10

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared <u>Joyles</u>, to me well known to be the same person described in and who executed these Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged the Articles to be the act and deed of the subscriber and that the facts set forth therein are true. He is personally known to me or has produced identification and he did/did not take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and seal this ______ day of November 2010.

JOHN KEVIN DILLON
Notary Public, State of Florida
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