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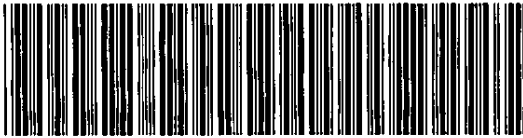
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**SUBJECT: FORWARD DEFUNIAK, INC.**

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*Articles of Incorporation: 3 originals attached*

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR  
FORWARD DEFUNIAK, INCORPORATED**

**ARTICLE I NAME**

We hereby associate to form a Not For Profit Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes under the name of Forward DeFuniak, Incorporated is a group of volunteers that strive to be a catalyst for reasoned and progressive change for DeFuniak Springs, Florida and adjacent areas. The ten year vision of the organization is heightened civic engagement, enhanced quality of life and increased economic vitality for residents of the area.

**ARTICLE II LOCATION**

The principle location of the organization is: 152 LeConte Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435  
The principle mailing address is P.O. Box 1382, DeFuniak Springs, F: 32435

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, cultural and educational purposes. It will create and maintain a Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as provided under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In furtherance of its purposes it may:

1. Advocate for solutions to area issues or concerns.
2. Encourage greater civic participation among citizens.
4. Serve as a resource bank for expertise, volunteer labor and funds.
5. Preserve and capitalize the area's unique historic and cultural assets.

It may also promote and support cultural, educational, religious, environmental, literary and other charitable activities in the Walton County area. It may assist and contribute to the support of corporations, associations and institutions which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes and which are described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and do all other things in furtherance of the items above as may be legally permissible and in keeping with the tax-exempt status of the Corporation. In so doing, the support or non-support of individual political candidates or parties is **not** within the purview of the corporation.

**ARTICLE IV APPOINTMENT/ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The initial board of directors shall be comprised of 5 persons appointed to staggered terms by the current membership. Terms of office and elections of subsequent directors as well as membership categories shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE V NAMES OF DIRECTORS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Title</u>
McKnight, Robert, MPH, ScD.	152 LeConte Street DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435	President
Morrison, Bruce	620 Circle Drive DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435	Vice President

Lee, Geneva	870 Hwy 331 North DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433	Secretary
Campbell-Work, Hampton R.	172 Plateau Avenue DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435	Treasurer
Johnson, Doris	P.O. Box 652 DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435	Community Liaison

**ARTICLE VI**

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. 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 VI DISSOLUTION**

Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, its assets, if any remain after payment of liabilities, shall be transferred to a charitable tax exempt organizational established for purposes consistent with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE VII REGISTERED AGENT**

The Initial Registered Agent shall be Robert McKnight, MPH, ScD., whose address is P.O. Box 1382 or 152 LeConte Street, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435.

*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated 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.*

Robert McKnight  
/ Signed/ Robert McKnight ScD, (Registered Agent)

July 7, 2017  
Date

**ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR**

The Incorporator of the Corporation is Melinda C. Henderson, PhD, whose address is 504 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435.

*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.*

Melinda C Henderson  
/Signed/ Melinda C. Henderson Ph.D.(Incorporator)

7-7-2017  
Date

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