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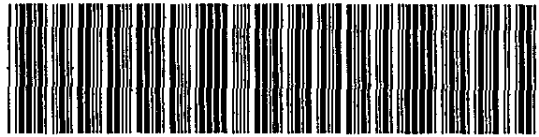
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Association for Retarded Citizens of Alachua County, Incorporated**

The enclosed Amendment and Restatement of Articles of Incorporation for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Alachua County, Incorporated are submitted for filing with the appropriate fee.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:


Richard Bradley  
ARC of Alachua County, Inc.  
3303 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Gainesville, FL 32606

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Richard Bradley  
(352) 334-4060, ext 221

Enclosed is a check for \$43.75 for the filling fee and for a certified copy returned to the above address. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Richard Bradley  
Executive Director

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**AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF  
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**OF**

**ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, INC.  
(a Florida Not for Profit Corporation)**

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**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, INC. and it shall maintain its principle office in Alachua County, Florida.

The term retarded citizens as used herein shall include all persons with mental retardation or at risk of developmental delay.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECT AND PURPOSE**

- A. To promote for all people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and access leisure activities;
- B. To provide supports and services in furtherance of the goal in paragraph A. above.
- C. To reduce the incidence and limit the consequences of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities through education, awareness, research, advocacy and the support of families, friends and community.
- D. To advise and aid families, to coordinate their resources and activities and to help the public develop a better understanding of the challenges of mental retardation.
- E. To solicit and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be regulated by the Bylaws of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This Association shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Association shall consist of the following: President, Vice President(s),

Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and such other Officers as may from time to time be elected. In addition, the Executive Committee shall consist of all Officers. No employee of the Association may serve as an Officer or Director of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI - GOVERNING BODY**

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body for the Association and shall be elected in such numbers and manner as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association, except as otherwise provided for in these Articles.

#### **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

##### **Section 1**

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation must be proposed in writing to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, by an Officer or Board member.

##### **Section 2**

At its next regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, the Board of Directors shall review the proposed amendment and by resolution shall approve its adoption, rejection or alteration.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

##### **Section 1**

Amendments to the Bylaws must be proposed in writing to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, by an Officer or Board member.

##### **Section 2**

At its next regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, the Board of Directors shall review the proposed amendment and by resolution shall approve its adoption, rejection or alteration.

#### **ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of this Association, or in the event it shall cease to exist for the stated purposes, all the property and assets shall be distributed to an organization or agency serving the mentally retarded which has been granted exemption from the Federal Income Tax under the provision of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law, or to a local, state, or Federal government for exclusively public purposes.

#### **ARTICLE X - MEETINGS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Regular meetings of the membership shall be held with the time and date to be set by the Board of Directors. Members shall be notified in advance of all meetings.

## **ARTICLE XI - ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1**

There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of three (3) members of the Board of Directors, plus the Immediate Past President of the Board, who shall serve as chairperson for the Nominating Committee.

### **Section 2**

The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for election as Officers and Directors and shall secure the consent of its nominees to serve if elected. It shall report its nominations to all Directors at least three (3) weeks before the meeting at which the elections are held.

### **Section 3**

Officers and Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors in May of each year and shall take office on July 1, following their election, or immediately upon election if the meeting at which they are elected occurs after July 1. All terms of Officers shall end the following June 30. Officers and Directors must be members of the Association.

### **Section 4**

Nominations by Directors shall be permitted from the floor. In the case of President, any nominee from the floor must have been a member of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Alachua County, Inc. Executive Committee within the last two (2) years.

## **ARTICLE XII - TERMS OF OFFICE**

### **Section 1**

The Officers of the Association shall serve for such terms as the Bylaws shall provide.

### **Section 2**

The Directors shall serve for such term as the Bylaws shall provide.

### **Section 3**

No persons may be elected to the same position for more than three (3) consecutive terms unless a majority of the Board of Directors should vote to extend the term of office on an annual basis.

#### Section 4

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or Officers, shall be filled by vote of the Board of Directors. Such vote can be by mail upon approval of the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE XIII - VOTING BY DIRECTORS**

#### Section 1

If a quorum, as the Bylaws provide, of the Board of Directors is present when a vote is taken on any matter, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 2

An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board of Directors by ballot, absentee ballot, or telephone call in shall be required to approve these following actions:

- A. The sale or mortgaging of any real property;
- B. The sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the corporation;
- C. The approval of a management contract or its equivalent wherein all or a substantial part of the corporation's purposes are carried out by a third party vendor;
- D. Any change in the number of Directors;
- E. Any change in the Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation;
- F. Appointment/dismissal of the Executive Director.
- G. Removal of a Board member in good standing.
- H. Removal of an Association member.

### **ARTICLE XIV - LIMITATIONS**

No part of the net earnings of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Alachua County, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Directors, Officers, members or other private persons, except that the Association for Retarded Citizens of Alachua County, Inc. shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of any of its purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Alachua County, Inc. shall be the

carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided in subsection (h) of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), and the Association for Retarded Citizens of Alachua County, Inc. shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Association for Retarded Citizens of Alachua County, Inc. shall not carry on any 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### **ARTICLE XV - REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

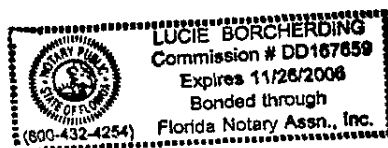
The principal office of the Association at the time of this restatement is located in Alachua County, Florida. The address of the Association's registered office at the time of this restatement shall be 3303 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Gainesville, Florida 32606-6227 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be RICHARD J. BRADLEY.

I, the undersigned, being the President of the Board of Directors of this Association, for the purpose of amending and restating the articles of this not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation this 10th day of October, 2000.

<u>RONALD S. DROTOS</u>	<u>Ronald S. Drotos</u>	<u>PRES. - BOARD</u>
Printed Name	Signature	Title

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of June 2005, by Ronald S Drotos, as a President of ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, on behalf of the corporation, who is personally known to me.



Notary Public Lucie Borcharding  
Printed Name: Lucie Borcharding  
Commission No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: 11/26/06

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WHEREAS, it is deemed to be desirable and in the best interests of this corporation that its Articles of Incorporation be amended in part and restated; and

WHEREAS, these amended and restated Articles, as well as the amendments contained therein, have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors on March 22, 2005 and does not contain any amendments requiring member approval, and there is no discrepancy between the restated Articles and the original Articles and earlier amendments thereto, other than the amendments adopted herein and the omission of *matters of historical interest*; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, that the entire Articles of Incorporation and all amendments adopted there to, be amended, restated and integrated into a single document as follows: