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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION for GULF COAST EDUCATION AWARENESS, INC.

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of the Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the State of Florida statues, do hereby certify:

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is:

**GULF COAST EDUCATION AWARENESS, INC.** 

#### ARTICLE II - LOCATION

The place in this state where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is:

P.O. Box 525, Panama City, Florida 32402 **Bay County** 

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The general nature of the objects and purposes of this corporation shall be:

To organize its members into a non-profit, charitable association for the purpose of providing educational information and financial support, when possible, to persons participating in both primary and continuing educational activities. To make persons aware of their respective educational opportunites and to organize efforts of awareness for all persons as to the scholarship money available as well as the disadvantages of not utilizing these opportunities. Including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt 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 - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

The membership of this corporation shall constitute all persons hereinafter named as subscribers and such other persons who desire to provide educational information and financial support, when possible, to persons participating in both primary and continuing educational activities. To make persons aware of their respective educational opportunites and to organize efforts of awareness for all persons as to the scholarship money available as well as the disadvantages of not taking advantage of these opportunities. Names of prospective members are submitted to the Board of Directors and are voted upon by the board.

#### ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved by law.

#### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

Section I: The officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, such number of Directors, and other such officers as may be provided in the rules and regulations.

Section  $\Pi$ : The names and persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation for the first year of operations, unless changed by the Board of Directors as provided in the rules and regulations are:

President Vice-President Secretary/Treasurer Heather Berwick Katie Ingles Perry Cain

Section III: The ensuing officers shall be elected at an annual meeting of the corporation or as provided in the rules and regulations.

#### ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I: The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have the officers of the corporation to serve as the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may be increased from time to time by adding additional participants or increasing the voting rights in the rules and regulations of the organization.

Section II: The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation. The manner of election of the directors shall be as stated in the bylaws.

# ARTICLE VIII - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section I: The rules and regulations of this corporation may be altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any meeting of said Board of Directors of this corporation, providing the proposed amendments shall have first been presented in writing to the Board of Directors at least one month prior for approval.

Section II: Without such approval as required by Section I, above, the rules and regulations may be amended at any meeting this corporation may hold by a unanimous vote of the members present.

# ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section I: These articles of incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote of those present.

Section II: Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon a one month notice given of intention to submit such amendments and will also require a two-thirds majority of those present.

#### ARTICLE X - INDEBTEDNESS

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation may at any time subject itself shall never be greater than that allowed by law.

#### ARTICLE XI - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation and upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 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, and none of the assets will distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this corporation. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of Bay County, Florida, exclusively for the such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# ARTICLE XII - SUBSCRIBERS/INCORPORATORS

The names and residences of the subscribers/incorporators to these articles are:

Heather Berwick 2001 Palm Bay Court Panama City Beach Fl 32407

Katie Ingles 1405 Harrison Ave Panama City Fl 32405

Perry Cain 709 Baywood Drive Lynn Haven Fl 32444

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 0 - 3 - 60 for the purpose of forming this not for profit, charitable corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

Heather Berwick

Perry Cain

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BAY

Before me, a Notary Public, duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared, Heather Berwick, Katie Ingles, and Perry Cain to me known to be persons described as subscribers/incorporators in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and they acknowledged before me that they executed the same.

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My Commission Expires:

### ARTICLE XIII - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statues relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent for

# GULF COAST EDUCATION AWARENESS, INC.

The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Perry Cain 709 Baywood Drive Lynn Haven, Fl 32444

Signature:

Title: Registered Agent

Date: 01/31/00

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