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Dear Sir or Madam:

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I am enclosing herewith Articles of Incorporation for The Walton County Coalition for School Readiness, Inc., along with a certificate of designation for registered agent and checks totaling \$78.75 to cover the costs of filing fees.

Please file the Articles and provide me with a certificate of status at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

*William H. Green*  
WILLIAM H. GREEN

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**THE WALTON COUNTY COALITION FOR SCHOOL READINESS, INC.**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, all of whom are residents of the State of Florida and all of whom are of full age, acting as incorporators of a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is The Walton County Coalition for School Readiness, Inc.

**ARTICLE II - DURATION**

The corporation shall exist perpetually, unless dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE III - PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office of the corporation shall be 145 Park Street, Suite 3, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433, and the mailing address of the corporation shall be 145 Park Street, Suite 3, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433.

**ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE**

This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members, and is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The specific purpose for which this corporation is formed is to implement Section 411.01, Florida Statutes. Under Section 411.01, the purposes for forming this corporation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) To prepare children from birth to 5 years of age, or until the child enters kindergarten, to enter kindergarten ready to learn.
- (2) To create a program to be administered by The Walton County Coalition for School

Readiness, Inc.

(3) To implement a comprehensive program of readiness services that enhance the cognitive, social, and physical development of children to achieve the performance standards and outcome measures specified by the Florida Partnership for School Readiness.

(4) To accommodate the needs of children for extended-day and extended-year services, without compromising the quality of the program, by providing extended-day and extended-year services to meet the needs of parents who work.

(5) To ensure coordinated staff development and teaching opportunities.

(6) To provide expanded access to community services and resources for families to help achieve economic self-sufficiency.

(7) To ensure a single point of entry and a unified entry list.

(8) To serve at least as many children as were served prior to implementation of The Walton County Coalition for School Readiness, Inc., program, as long as funding or eligible populations do not decrease.

(9) To ensure there is a community plan to address the needs of all eligible children.

#### ARTICLE V - POWERS

This corporation shall have the following powers:

(1) The corporation shall have the power to do all lawful acts which are, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the corporation, necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and accomplish the objectives of the corporation, and which are consistent with the provisions of Florida Statutes. The corporation shall have the powers granted corporations not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, whether or not specifically enumerated in these Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws.

(2) 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.

(3) The corporation shall remain a corporation not for profit. No dividends shall be paid by the corporation, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its Directors or 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 exempt purposes set forth in these Articles.

#### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office shall be at 145 Park Street, Suite 3, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433, and the initial registered agent shall be Ronita Hinote.

#### ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have eighteen (18) Directors initially. The Directors shall be elected as provided in the By-Laws. The number of Directors may be changed by amendment of the By-Laws of the Association, but shall never be less than eighteen (18) nor more than twenty-five (25). The composition of the Board of Directors must conform to the provisions of Section 411.01(5)(a), Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the persons signing these articles are:

Joyce Szilvasy  
P.O. Box 512  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Mona G. Johnson  
P.O. Box 289  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Ronita Hinote  
145 Park Street, Suite 3  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

Kathy Haight  
P.O. Box 2258  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

Tammy Brown  
P.O. Box 610  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

#### ARTICLE IX - OPERATING RESTRICTIONS

If the corporation is at any time deemed to be a private foundation, it shall be subject to the following rules: The corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

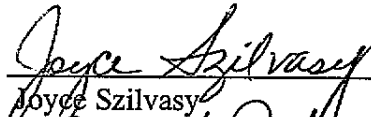
#### ARTICLE X - OFFICERS

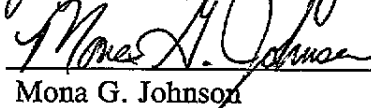
The officers of this corporation shall be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors to serve one-year terms. There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may from time to time elect or appoint additional officers who shall also be members of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

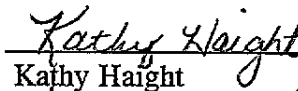
Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all corporate liabilities shall be conveyed to (1) such organization or organizations as shall be selected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, provided, however, that such organization or organizations must be recognized as exempt from federal income taxation under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding Sections of any prior or future law; or (2) to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

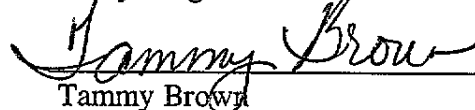
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 3  
day of March, A.D. 2000.

  
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Joyce Szilvasy

  
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Mona G. Johnson

  
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Ronita Hinote

  
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Kathy Haight

  
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Tammy Brown

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered agent/registered office, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is The Walton County Coalition for School Readiness, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is Ronita Hinote, 145 Park Street, Suite 3, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433.

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS OF 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 STATUTES 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.

Name

Ronita Hinote

Date

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