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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT: Monroe County School Readiness Coalition, Incorporated**  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Joseph Barker  
Name (Printed or typed)

PO Box 1033  
Address

Key West, FL 33041-1033  
City, State & Zip

305-292-7150, Ext. 32  
Daytime Telephone number

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**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

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April 19, 2000

Ms. Doris Brown  
Document Specialist  
Florida Keys Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
409 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399


Dear Doris:

In relation to your request for further information and documents on the Monroe County School Readiness Coalition:

1. As regards to the election of directors, the Monroe County School Readiness Coalition by-laws state the manner of election and appointment of officers.
2. The registered agent has completed and signed the certification. This is enclosed with all of the required paperwork.

Thank you for assisting us in this process.

Sincerely,



Joseph Barker  
Executive Director

Enc.: documents





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

April 14, 2000

JOSEPH BARKER  
POST OFFICE BOX 1033  
KEY WEST, FL 33041-1033

SUBJECT: MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL REDINESS COALITION,  
INCORPORATED  
Ref. Number: W00000009948

We have received your document for MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL REDINESS COALITION, INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.")

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6972.

Doris Brown  
Document Specialist

Letter Number: 600A00020638

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION  
A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation**

In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, all of whom are residents of the State of Florida and all of whom are of full age, have this day voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I  
Name of Corporation**

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

**Article II  
Principal Office**

The principal office of the organization is located at:  
**1011 Virginia Street  
Key West, FL 33040-1033**

**ARTICLE III  
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 411.0 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 Monroe County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.
3. To implement a comprehensive program of readiness services that enhances the cognitive, social, and physical development of children to achieve the performance standards and outcome measures specified by the State School Readiness Partnership.
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.

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7. To ensure a simplified point of entry and a unified waiting list.
8. To serve at least as many children as were served prior to implementation of The Monroe County School Readiness Coalition, 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 IV Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of at least 18, but not more than 25 members. The composition of the Board must conform to the provisions of section 411.01 (5)(a), Florida Statutes. Directors shall be elected as stated in the bylaws.

**Composition:** The Coalition shall consist of at least 18 but not more than 25 members. Members refer to both statutorily mandated members and appointed members. More than one-third of the members must be from the private sector, and neither they nor their families may earn an income from the early education and care industry. No member may appoint a designee to act in his or her place (other than the county health director). Members of the Coalition are subject to the ethics and provisions in Florida Statute Part III of Chapter 12.

**Categories:** Membership shall be comprised of statutorily mandated members, appointed members and more than one third of the members from the private sector, as prescribed by the School Readiness Act.

A. Statutorily Mandated Members:

1. Department of Children and Families District Administrator
2. District Superintendent of Schools
3. Regional Workforce Development Board chair or director
4. County Health Department Director or designee
5. Child care licensing agency head
6. Central agency administrator
7. Head Start Director
8. Representative of private care providers
9. Representative of faith-based providers

B. Appointed Members by the:

1. Children and Families District Administrator
2. County Commissioners
3. District School Board
4. Chamber of Commerce and/or Economic Development Council

Additional members may be appointed by the Coalition as needed.

**Term of Office:** Implemented 01/01/2000. Terms must be staggered for all non-statutorily designated members and provider representatives. After the first year of staggered terms, all terms will convert to biennial terms.

**Vacancy:** The Nominating Committee shall provide recommendation(s) to the Coalition upon vacancy of all appointed positions within 30 days of receiving notification of the vacancy. All nominations for Coalition membership, once accepted by Coalition members, shall be submitted for a vote of approval by the Coalition.

**Equal Opportunity:** No person shall be denied membership on the Coalition by reason of race, creed, national origin, age, sexual identity, handicap, marital status, gender, or religion.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Officers**

The officers of this corporation shall be elected or appointed by the Coalition to serve for one-year terms. There shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and a 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. The officers are:

**Chair:** Joseph Barker      **Vice Chair:** Kim Wiecejorek

**Secretary:** Ann West      **Treasurer:** Mary Brown-Martalik

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Registered Agent and Registered Office**

The street address of the registered office of this corporation in the state of Florida is 1523 Seminary St., Key West, FL . The Board of Directors may from time to time move the registered office to any other address in Florida. The initial registered agent of this corporation is Joseph Barker, Chair whose address is 1523 Seminary Street, Key West, FL 33040..

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **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 all powers granted to 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 corporate on 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 VIII 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 IX Duration**

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

### **ARTICLE X 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.

### **ARTICLE XI Incorporators**

The Incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

**Name**

Monroe County School Readiness Coalition

**Address**

PO Box 1033

Key West, FL 33041-1033

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purposes of forming this corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, the undersigned incorporators of THE MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION have executed these Articles of Incorporation this day 16<sup>th</sup> of MARCH 2000.

  
Registered Agent

Mary Brown-Martinez  
Incorporator



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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 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 office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

1. The name of the Corporation is:

Monroe County School Readiness Coalition, Incorporated

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

Joseph Barker, Chair

(Name)

1011 Virginia Street

(P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Key West, Florida 33040

(City/State/Zip)

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*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 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.*

Joseph Barker  
Signature

April 19, 2000  
Date