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Corporate Records Bureau Division of Corporations Department of State Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314-6327

RE: HIGHLANDS COUNTY HOUSING INITIATIVE, INC.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing is an original and copy of Articles of Incorporation for the above named corporation. Please return to this office one (1) certified copy of said Articles.

Also enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$78.75, representing the filing fee and a certified copy of the Articles.

Your assistance and cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

THOMAS L. NUNNALLEE

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY HOUSING INITIATIVE, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I Name

The name of the Corporation shall be:

#### HIGHLANDS COUNTY HOUSING INITIATIVE, INC.

### ARTICLE II Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall

be:

501 South Commerce Avenue, Suite 3 Sebring, FL 33870

#### ARTICLE III Purposes

The corporation is organized for the following purposes:

- (a) To identify substandard housing in Highlands County, Florida;
- (b) Develop and coordinate resources to provide decent affordable housing; and
- (c) to do all things necessary and appropriate for carrying out and exercising the foregoing purposes.

The corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit and shall have no power to declare dividends. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or individual. The balance, if any, of all money received by the corporation from its operations after payment in full of all operating expenses, debts, and obligations of the corporation of whatsoever kind and nature as they become due shall be used to make advance payments on loans owed by the corporation, or for some related purpose.

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, hereinafter the "Internal Revenue Code").

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation 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.

## ARTICLE IV Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

Thomas L. Nunnallee 325 North Commerce Avenue Sebring, FL 33870

### ARTICLE V Manner of Election of Directors

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows:

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial board of Directors shall be three; thereafter, the number and manner of election or appointment of Directors and their terms of office shall be as provided in the By-Laws, but the number of Directors shall not be less than three (3).

#### <u>ARTICLE VI</u> <u>Limitation of Corporate Powers</u>

The Corporation shall have all powers conferred upon not-for-profit corporations organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and any successor provisions thereto now enacted or hereafter amended but shall exercise such powers only in fulfillment of its above-stated purposes.

### ARTICLE VII Dissolution and Liquidation

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose. In no event shall any of the assets or property, in the event of dissolution thereof, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum subscribed, donated, or contributed by such members or for any other purposes, provided that nothing herein shall prohibit the corporation from paying its just debts.

#### ARTICLE VIII Duration

The duration of the existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE IX Incorporators

The names and addresses of the incorporators for there Articles of Incorporation are:

Jane Breylinger, 2441 West Nautilus Road, Avon Park, FL 33825 Peter H. Pollard, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 David R. Heacock, 7 West Thomas Street, Avon Park, FL 33825

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this day of May, 2000.

Signature of Incorporator

JANE BREYLINGER

Signature of Incorporator

PETER H. POLLARD

Signature of Incorporator

DAVID R. HEACOCK

#### <u>CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION</u> <u>REGISTERED AGENT / REGISTERED OFFICE</u>

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.

THOMASI NUNNALIFE

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