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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

FOR

BREVARD EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, being a natural person competent to contract, hereby adopts these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a not-for-profit corporation without stock under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation is Brevard Early Childhood Professional Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

This Corporation shall commence upon the execution of these Articles and shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE III

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated as a business league within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) 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") to promote the common business interests of the child care industry within Brevard County, Florida; to engage in activities related to the aforementioned purpose; and to invest in, receive, hold, use and dispose of all property, real or personal, as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect the aforementioned purposes.

In furtherance of the aforementioned purposes the Corporation shall:

1. Promote professionalism in the child care industry by providing a vehicle for the Corporation's members to communicate their concerns to the appropriate elected officials and governmental agencies in order to prevent or address circumstances that are detrimental to expansion and growth of the child care industry.

2. Provide a vehicle for networking and resolving problems common to the child care industry and child care professionals.
3. Promote professionalism and foster a positive perception of the child care profession within Brevard County, Florida.
4. Promote and sponsor quality education for children, families and child care professionals.
5. Foster a working relationship with the Brevard County School Readiness Coalition or other organizations whose purpose is to promote quality early childhood care and education.
6. Become a resource for those child care providers seeking Accreditation in order to qualify for Gold Seal approval.
7. Be a resource for and a provider of continuing education for child care professionals.

ARTICLE IV

The initial street and mailing address for the principal place of business of the Corporation is 1335 Berri Patch Place, Melbourne, Florida 32935.

ARTICLE V

The name and address of the initial registered agent is: J. Patrick Anderson, 930 S. Harbor City Boulevard, Suite 505, Melbourne, Florida 32901.

ARTICLE VI

The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of three (3) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the members, but shall never be less than three (3). The manner of electing Directors shall be provided for in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as Directors until the first annual meeting of the members, or until successors have been elected and qualified, are as follows:

Virginia Foley
1335 Berri Patch Place
Melbourne, FL 32935

Gabriele DiTota
1335 Berri Patch Place
Melbourne, FL 32935

Kim Pavick
1335 Berri Patch Place
Melbourne, FL 32935

ARTICLE VII

The officers of the Corporation shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The manner of electing officers shall be provided for in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors, or until successors have been elected and qualified, are as follows:

Jo Godwin
President
1335 Berri Patch Place
Melbourne, FL 32935

Virginia Foley
Vice President
1335 Berri Patch Place
Melbourne, FL 32935

Gabriele DiTota
Secretary
1335 Berri Patch Place
Melbourne, FL 32935

Kim Pavick
Treasurer
1335 Berri Patch Place
Melbourne, FL 32935

ARTICLE VIII

The name and address of the initial incorporator shall be J. Patrick Anderson, 930 S. Harbor City Boulevard, Suite 505, Melbourne, Florida 32901.

ARTICLE IX

Terms of membership in the Corporation shall be provided for in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

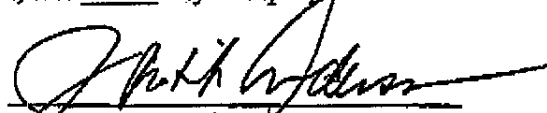
ARTICLE X

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

ARTICLE XI

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes set forth in Article III hereof to an organization, or organizations, described in Section 501(c)(6) or Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal government or state or local government for a public purpose, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation in Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida, this 25th day of April, 2001.


J. PATRICK ANDERSON

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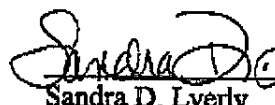
I hereby declare that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said Corporation.

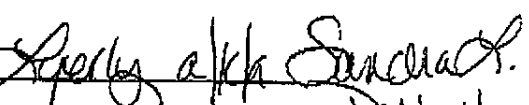

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Registered Agent

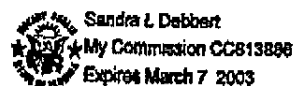
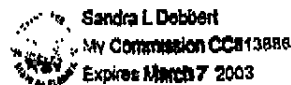
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COUNTY OF BREVARD }

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid, to take acknowledgments, personally appeared J. Patrick Anderson to me known to be the person described in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation or who produced a Florida driver's license (No. A536-455-55-332) as identification and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he acknowledged before me that he executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation and that he did not take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this 25th day of April, 2001.


Sandra D. Lyerly
Notary Public


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