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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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01 JUN 29 PM 4:08 THE HENDRY/GLADES SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC SECRETARY OF STATE (A Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation)

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The undersigned, for the purposes of forming a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, does hereby certify as follows:

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Corporate Name

The name of the corporation is THE HENDRY/GLADES SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.

Π **Corporate Address**

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is c/o United Way/Success By 6, 117 Fort Thompson Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935.

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Not for Profit

A. The Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. The Corporation shall be operated solely for the purposes set forth in Florida Statutes Section 411.01. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to, or for the benefit of, its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible by law.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this organization shall not engage in any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

C. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes when it is in the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal, state or local government for a public purpose. Any assets not so transferred shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

IV Corporate Purposes

The purpose for which the Corporation has been organized is for public school readiness program as set forth in Florida Statutes Section 411.01, these purposes being more particularly described as follows:

A. To receive and administer funds and to operate exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) and Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, hereinafter the "Code."

B. To acquire, own, purchase, lease, dispose of and deal with real and personal property and interests therein, either absolutely or in trust, and to apply gifts, grants, bequests, and devises and the proceeds thereof in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

C. To do such things and perform such acts to accomplish its purposes as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate and as are not forbidden by Sections 501(c)(3) or 509, or other applicable sections of the Code, with all the power conferred on nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida.

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Limitation

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors or officers, but 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 IV hereof.

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Election of Directors

The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be comprised of no more than twenty-two (22) persons specified below. The Directors shall be elected or appointed to fill terms in accordance with the Bylaws. The number of Directors may be decreased or increased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws and as set forth in Florida Statutes Section 411.01. The names and addresses of the initial Directors to hold office until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified are as follows: Rita Young Department of Children & Families P. O. Box 60085 Fort Myers, FL 33906

Peggy Baldwin Hendry County Schools P. O. Box 1980 LaBelle, FL 33975

Joe Paterno Workforce Development Board 24311 Walden Center Drive, Suite 200 Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Janet Harvey Department of Children & Families P. O. Box 1960 LaBelle, FL 33975

Alvin Ward Glades County Board of County Commissioners P. O. Box 10 Moore Haven, FL 33471

Rev. Dwayne E. Brown Hendry County School Board P. O. Box 684 Clewiston, FL 33440

Mary Risley Mom's Place 1135 Ivan Boulevard LaBelle, FL 33935

Nancy Hendrickson Riverside Realty P. O. Box 1482 LaBelle, FL 33975 Patricia Brownlee, R.N. Hendry/Glades County Health Dept. P. O. Box 70 LaBelle, FL 33975

Pat Richardson Department of Children & Families P. O. Box 60085 Fort Myers, FL 33906

Rhea B. Mike Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc. 3625 Fowler Street Fort Myers, FL 33901

Deborah Pressley Glades County School District P. O. Box 1282 Moore Haven, FL 33471

Susan Thompson Glades County School Board P. O. Box 1282 Moore Haven, FL 33471

Magda E. Silva Family Health Centers P. O. Box 1357 Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phillip H. Keyes Workforce Council of S.W.Fl. Inc. P. O. Box 596 Clewiston, FL 33935

Mary Jo Polhemus 1210 Park Drive LaBelle, FL 33935 Margaret Yawn-White Port LaBelle Property Owners Assoc. P. O. Box 2595 LaBelle, FL 33975

Patty Register Gatorama P. O. Box 248 Palmdale, FL 33944

Jean Vallo P. O. Box 310 LaBelle, FL 33975 Thom Springfield Everglades Federal Credit Union 1099 W. Ventura Avenue Clewiston, FL 33440

Kim Harris-White Atlantic States Bank P. O. Box 2108 LaBelle, FL 33975

Barbara Mainster Redlands Christian Migrant Assoc. 402 West Main Street Immokalee, FL 34142-3517

VII No Members

The Corporation shall not have members and shall not issue membership certificates.

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Nonstock Basis

This Corporation is organized on a nonstock basis. This Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

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Commencement of Existence

The Corporation shall be deemed to commence upon the acceptance of these Articles of Incorporation for filing by the Secretary of State, of the State of Florida.

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Duration

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

XI Registered Agent and Registered Office

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at the registered office shall be Peggy Baldwin. The street and mailing address of the initial registered office of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be c/o of United Way, Success By Six, 117 Fort Thompson Road, LaBelle, FL 33935.

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Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is Rhea Mike, Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc., 3625 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

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Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of termination pursuant to the applicable sections of the Code which are incorporated by reference herein, including, but not limited to Section507 of the Code, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations described in Section 501(c)(3), Section 507, Section 509, Section 170(c)(2) or any other qualified organization described under the Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this day of June, 2001.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me this 15th day of June, 2001.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEE The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25th day of <u>JUNE</u> 200 i by <u>KHPA</u> MIKE

who is personally known to me or who has produced

as identification. My commission expires:

Sherl M. Harkney

Notary Public Name:



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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS RESIDENT AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-styled corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.235 of the Florida Statutes.

Dated this <u>12nd</u>day of June, 2001.

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