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## School Readiness Coalition

*Serving families and children ages birth to twelve*

September 10, 2001

Hon. Katherine Harris  
Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

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Re: Washington-Holmes School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation for Washington-Holmes School Readiness Coalition, Inc. Please file these articles and return a certified copy to the above address. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover your filing fees.

Please contact me at the above number should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vicky Patterson  
Administrative Assistant

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Enclosures

The Washington-Holmes School Readiness Coalition is a community collaboration.  
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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the corporation is the Washington-Holmes School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office and address is 450 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, Florida, 32401.

### **ARTICLE III: REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 450 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, Florida, 32401. The initial registered agent of this corporation is Steve Girton whose address is 1352 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428.

### **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.

A. 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 Washington-Holmes School Readiness Coalition, 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 partnership.
4. To accommodate the needs of children for extended-day and extended-day services, without compromising the quality of the program, by

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- 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 simplified point of entry and a unified waiting list.
  8. To serve at least as many children as were served prior to the implementation of the Washington-Holmes School Readiness Coalition, Inc. as long as funding or eligible population do not decrease.
  9. To ensure there is a community plan to address the needs of all eligible children.
- B. The purpose for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue law.

#### **ARTICLE V: MEMBERS**

The Membership shall be composed of at least eighteen (18) but not more than twenty-five (25) members. The composition of the Board must conform to the provisions of the Section 411.01(5)(a), Florida Statutes and appointed and elected as stated and provided for in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

The officers of this corporation shall be elected or appointed by the Coalition Members to serve for one term. There shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and three additional members, comprising the executive committee, each of whom shall be a Member of the Coalition. The Members may from time to time elect or appoint additional officers who shall also be Members of the Coalition.

#### **ARTICLE VII: NON-STOCK BASIS**

The corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

## **ARTICLE VIII: DURATION**

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

## **ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by an organization or organizations selected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, provided, however, that such organization or organizations are 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.

## **ARTICLE X: CORPORATE POWERS**

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

## **ARTICLE XI: INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the persons signing these Articles of Incorporation as the Incorporators are:

Steve Girton  
1352 South Blvd.  
Chipley, Florida 32428

Betty Nehring  
301N. Okalahoma Avenue  
Bonifay, Florida 32425

Bobby Nowell  
450 Jenks Avenue  
Panama City, Florida 32401

Lorna Raper  
701 E. Pennsylvania Avenue  
Bonifay, Florida 32425

Nicole Capps  
Post Office Box 6133  
Marianna, Florida 32447

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Coalition Membership, proposed to them

from the board members and approved at a meeting by at least a majority of the members entitled to vote, unless all of the members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporators, have executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on this 22nd day of August, 2001.

Nicole Capp  
Bobby Knecht  
Betty Nehring

Steve D  
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Holmes

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared to me known to be the persons described as Incorporators and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that they subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation this 22nd day of August, 2001.

Vicky Patterson  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

Vicky Patterson Notary Public, State of Florida Commission No.: CC945614 Commission Expires: July 31, 2003
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from the board members and approved at a meeting by at least a majority of the members entitled to vote, unless all of the members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporators, have executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on this 24th day of August, 2001.

Nicole Cox  
Bobby Vanech  
Betty Nehring

Steve D. D.  
Lorna K. Raper

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HOLMES

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared to me known to be the persons described as Incorporators and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that they subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation this 24th day of August, 2001.

 Angelia S. Urquhart  
My Commission CC829191  
Expires June 3, 2003  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: 6/3/03

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for Washington-Holmes School Readiness Coalition, Incorporated, 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 obligation of my position as registered agent.

Signature: 

Printed name: Steve Gorton

Address: 1352 South Boulevard Chopley FL 32428

Date: 8/22/01

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