

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: **Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc.**
(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: Donald L. Bentz, Jr.
Name (Printed or typed)

201 West Laurel Street #512
Address

Tampa, FL 33602
City, State & Zip

(813) 226-0446
Daytime Telephone number

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TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

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

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance With Chapter 617, F.A., (Not For Profit)

Article 1: Name

The name of the organization will be The Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Article 2: Principal Place of Business & Mailing Address

The address of The Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc. will be **201 West Laurel Street #512, Tampa FL, 33602.**

Article 3: Purpose

The Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc., is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, more specifically to end discrimination and bias based on sexual orientation and gender identity through educational programs, cultural awareness and community development. To this end, The Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc., shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

Article 4: Election Of Directors

For the initial ten (10) months of operation, Directors of the organization shall be the founders of The Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc. The Directors may – within that ten (10) month period – may by a majority vote expanded the Board of Directors to obtain certain skills and areas of expertise required to develop The Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc.'s, charitable pursuits. Commencing in January of 2002 and the establishment of a membership, the Directors will be elected annually for a year term by a majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting to be conducted every December.

Article 5: Directors Address

The Directors for The Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc., shall be:

- **Donald L. Bentz, Jr.**
201 West Laurel Street, #512
Tampa, FL 33602
- **James Johnson**
4269 Brentwood Park Circle
Tampa, FL 33624
- **Robert Bromwell, Jr.**
1215 East Columbus Drive
Tampa, FL 33605

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Article 6: Registered Agent

The Registered Agent shall be **James Johnson, 4269 Brentwood Park Circle, Tampa, FL 33624.**

Article 7: Incorporator

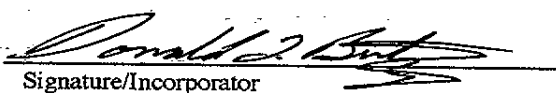
The Incorporator of The Pride Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc., will be **Donald L. Bentz, Jr., 201 West Laurel Street #512, Tampa FL, 33602.**

Article 8: Effective Date

The Effective Date will be upon receipt of these Articles by the State of Florida Department of State.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of processes for above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.


Signature/Registered Agent


Signature/Incorporator

10/30/01
Date Signed

10/20/01
Date Signed