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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

in compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit)

# PEACE RIVER CENTER FOR WRITERS, INC.

ARTICLE I \_\_NAME

The name of the corporation shall be PEACE RIVER CENTER FOR WRITERS, INC

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE
The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be at the following address: 501 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purposes for which the PEACE RIVER CENTER FOR WRITERS, INC. is organized are as follows:

To operate as a corporation pursuant to the Florida not for profit corporation act (chapter 617 of the Florida statutes) and to exercise all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit under the laws of Florida, which are not in conflict with the terms of these articles.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. To further any other purposes as are, or may be by amendment thereto, set forth in these articles or by the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the Directors are elected or appointed shall be as stated in the Bylaws of this corporation.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the initial Directors, who shall serve until the first Board of Directors election to be held under these Articles of Incorporation, are:

Director name: Martha R. Bireda

Address: P. O. box 510818, Punta Gorda, FL 33951-0818

Director name: Michael P. Haymans

Address: 99 Nesbit Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Director name: Rufus C. Lazzell

Address: 1600 Montia Ct., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Director name: Judy A. Malbuisson

Address: 2811-M Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Director name: Lori L. Tomlinson

Address: 14403 Boston Rd., Port Charlotte, FL 33953

## ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and such other officers as may be provided in the bylaws.

The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first meeting of the board of directors are:

Name

Office

Rufus C. Lazzell

President

Lori Tomlinson

Vice President

Judy Malbuisson

Treasurer/Secretary

# ARTICLE VII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS The name and Florida street address of the Registered Agent is:

Registered Agent name: Michael P. Haymans Address: 99 Nesbit Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

#### ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Incorporator name: Michael P. Haymans

Address: 99 Nesbit Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

### ARTICLE IX RESTRICTIONS

No part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private person, 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 above.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation [except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code], and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing of distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or (2) by a

corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE X DURATION

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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 shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are operated exclusively for such purposes.

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the 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

Date

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