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Jay Kassees, Director
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Tallahassee, Florida 32314

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**RE: North Okaloosa Republican Club, Inc.
Articles of Incorporation**

Dear Mr. Kassees:

Enclosed you will find the original Articles of Incorporation on the above referenced incorporation, a copy to be certified, and a check in the amount of \$78.75.

Please file same and certify the copy for return to this office in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,


W. HOWARD LaPORTE

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

May 21, 2002

W. HOWARD LAPORTE
502B S FERDON BLVD
CRESTVIEW, FL 32536

SUBJECT: NORTH OKALOOSA REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC.
Ref. Number: W02000014738

We have received your document for NORTH OKALOOSA REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Written approval and clearance of the name, abbreviation or symbol of any political party filed with the Department of State must be obtained from the respective political party's State Executive Committee's chairperson in accordance with section 103.081, Florida Statutes.

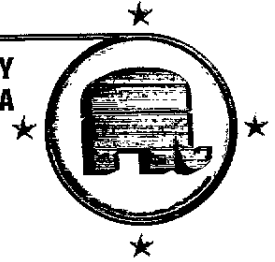
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REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF FLORIDA



May 31, 2002

Mr. Howard LaPorte
5053 LaPorte Road
Crestview, FL 32536

Dear Howard,

Congratulations! I am pleased to enclose the charter for The North Okaloosa Republican Club. This charter has been issued pursuant to the Florida Statutes, the RPOF Constitution, and the RPOF Party Rules of Procedure.

The Party's auxiliary organizations are a tremendous asset in helping to make the Republican Party visibly active and strong in your community. I thank you for your involvement and leadership.

We have tremendous opportunities and challenges as we prepare for the 2002 election cycle. Your club will play an integral role in determining our success. I look forward to working with you.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Al Cardenas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Al Cardenas
Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida

Enclosures

cc: Bob Fischer
Steve Czonstka
Patricia Thornber

Al Cardenas *Chairman* Al Austin *Finance Chairman* James H. Stelling *Vice-Chairman* Stevie Landon *Secretary* Paul J. Bedinghaus *Treasurer*
Daryll T. Gunter *Assistant Secretary* Joel Pate *Assistant Treasurer* Tom Slade *National Committeeman* Carole Jean Jordan *National Committeewoman*

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
NORTH OKALOOSA REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC.**

A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE ONE. NAME

The name of this corporation is NORTH OKALOOSA REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE TWO. STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporation Not For Profit Act.

ARTICLE THREE. PURPOSES

This Corporation will have the purposes and powers as stated below, and such powers as may be granted hereafter by law.

- A. To promote and to provide support for candidates for public office that are members of the Republican Party.
- B. To increase the effectiveness and active participation of residents of Okaloosa County in the cause of good government.
- C. To facilitate cooperation among members of the Republican Party of Okaloosa County and to promote the welfare and growth of the Republican Party of Okaloosa County.
- D. To foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party.
- E. To promote the ideals of the Republican Party.

ARTICLE FOUR. DEDICATION OF ASSETS

(1) No Member or Incorporation of this Corporation may have any vested right, interest, or privilege of, in, or to the assets, functions, affairs, or franchises of the Corporation or any right, interest, or privilege which may be transferable or inheritable or which will continue if his membership ceases or while he is not in good standing.

(2) Expelled Members shall have not property rights to assets of the Corporation.

(3) Upon dissolution, assets of this Corporation remaining, after the payment or discharge of all liabilities to the Corporation; the return, transfer or conveyances of assets held on conditions requiring the same; and the transfer or conveyance of assets received and held subject to limitations permitting their use only of charitable, religious, benevolent, educational

or similar purposes, shall be distributed to the Republican Executive Committee of Okaloosa County, or to any non-profit tax exempt organization selected by a majority of the Members in good standing attending a meeting called for this purpose.

(4) The Directors of this Corporation may not authorize secure transactions or other dispositions of corporate assets without approval by the Members by a majority vote of those Members in good standing present at such meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE FIVE. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is opened to all persons interested in the growth and enhancement of the Republican Party. The annual dues payable to the Corporation by the Members of each class will be in such amount as may be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

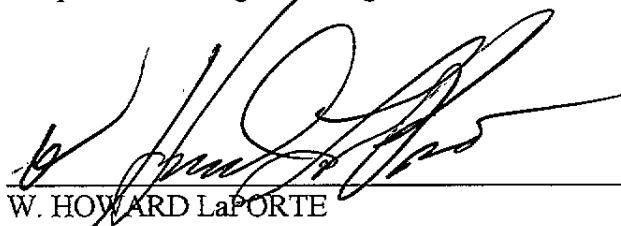
ARTICLE SIX. LOCATION OF INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND NAME OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND MAILING ADDRESS AND/OR PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 502B S. Ferdon Blvd., City of Crestview, County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, 32536.

The name of the initial registered agent at such address is :

W. Howard LaPorte
502B S. Ferdon Blvd.
Crestview, FL 32536

I, W. Howard LaPorte, hereby accept the position of Registered Agent of this corporation.



W. HOWARD LaPORTE

ARTICLE SEVEN. INITIAL DIRECTORS.

There shall be three (3) directors constituting the initial board of directors. The name and address of each person who is to serve as an initial director is:

W. Howard LaPorte, 502B S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL 32536

Bob Fischer, 6348 Shangri-La Road, Crestview, FL 32539

Barney L. Bailey, Jr., 2809 Mohican Way, Crestview, FL 32539

ARTICLE EIGHT. INCORPORATORS.

The names and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are as follows:

W. Howard LaPorte, 502B S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL 32536

Bob Fischer, 6348 Shangri-La Road, Crestview, FL 32539

Barney L. Bailey, Jr., 2809 Mohican Way, Crestview, FL 32539

**ARTICLE NINE. MANAGEMENT OF
CORPORATE AFFAIRS.**

(A) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of Directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be three (3) provided, however, that such number may be changed by bylaw duly adopted by the members.

The directors named in ARTICLE SEVEN shall hold office until the first meeting of members, to be held during the month of June 2002, at 502B. S. Ferdon Blvd., City of Crestview, County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, 32536, at which time an election of directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at 6:30p.m. on the second Tuesday November of each year at the principal office of the corporation, or at such other place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

(B) **CORPORATE OFFICERS.** The corporation membership shall elect the following officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize initially elected at the first annual meeting of the members. The officers shall be elected and hold office pursuant to the by-laws of the corporation. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

W. Howard LaPorte	President
Keith Van Doren	Vice-President
Nancy Moxcey	Secretary
Barney L. Bailey, Jr.	Treasurer

ARTICLE TEN. BY-LAWS.

The by-laws of the corporation shall be accepted by the members and thereafter the by-laws shall be amended by following the procedure set forth in the by-laws.

ARTICLE ELEVEN. AMENDING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Power to alter, amend, or repeal the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation is vested in the Board of Directors and the Members. Such action must be taken pursuant to a resolution approved by the majority of the Directors and by majority of the Members present at a regular general membership meeting or special meeting called for such purpose.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit charitable corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida have executed these articles of incorporation on May 14, 2002.


W. HOWARD LaPORTE


Bob Fischer

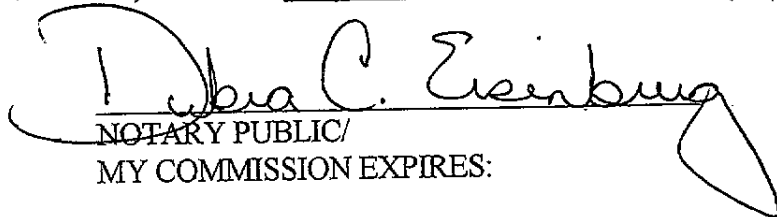

Barney L. Bailey, Jr.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF OKALOOSA

I CERTIFY that on this date before me, May 14, an officer duly authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared W. HOWARD LaPORTE, BOB FISCHER, AND BARNEY L. BAILEY, JR., who proved to my satisfaction that they are the persons described in by

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or who are personally known to me and who executed the foregoing instrument as incorporators,
of the NORTH OKALOOSA REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC., a corporation organized under the
laws of Florida. They acknowledged before me that they executed the foregoing instrument as
such incorporators.

Executed and sealed by me at Crestview, Florida on May 14, 2002.


NOTARY PUBLIC/
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

Prepared by:
W. HOWARD LAPORTE, ESQUIRE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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Crestview, Florida 32536
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