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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER FLORIDA, INC.

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# A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFTIT CORPORATION

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

' The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation, in compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, herby state:

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is: Alliance for a Better Florida, Inc.

### ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial street address of the principal office of the corporation is: 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 701, Tallahassee, FL 32301. The corporation may from time to time move its principal office to another location.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The purpose of the corporation is to:

- A. Facilitate the discussion of public policy issues of importance to Floridians;
- B. Inform Floridians, through the production of issue advertisements or direct mailings, of public policy issues of importance and of the views of public officials and others participating in public affairs on those issues;
- C. Distribute information concerning the voting records of those holding public office;
- D. Implement such programs to make the public aware of issues of public importance;
- E. Do other acts necessary and appropriate to accomplish these purposes.

## ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The directors of the corporation shall be elected as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V - INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors of the corporation are:

Keith Weikel Post Office Box 100086 Toledo, OH 43699

J. Norman Estes 931 Fairfax Park Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Rich Pell 101 East State Street Kennett Square, PA 19348

## ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent of the corporation is: Mark Herron, 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 701, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

#### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and the address of the incorporator is: Mark Herron, 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 701, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

## ARTICLE IX - CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

In no way directly of indirectly, incidentally or otherwise, shall any part of the earnings of the corporation inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any director or officer of the corporation, or any other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation and to make payment for actual expenditures incurred or services rendered to or for the benefit of the corporation and to make payments and distributions for the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

#### ARTICLE X – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities and obligations of the corporation and for necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such individuals as determined by the directors for the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. In no event shall any of such assets or property be distributed to any officer or director of the corporation or to any private individual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 1924 day of July 2002. 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 701 Tallahassee FL 32301

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

Dated this /74/ day of July 2002.

Mark Herron

215 South Monroe Street, Suite 701

Tallahassee, FL 32301