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Division of Corporations	· }	<del></del>	
P. O. Box 6327		_	
Tallahassee, FL 32314			
SUBJECT: Floridian	s Organized and United (PROPOSED CORPORATE		
Enclosed is an original a	nd one(1) copy of the article	es of incorporation and a	check for:
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FROM:	Christine Lane		
	Name (Prin	ited or typed)	
	2791 NE 57 CT		
	Ad	dress	
	Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308		, <u>-</u>
City, State & Zip		-	
	(954) 776-8284	- :	
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# FLORIDIANS ORGANIZED AND UNITED FOR A NEW DEFINITION ( EQUAL RIGHTS, INC.

Article I

#### **NAME**

The name of this corporation is Floridians Organized and United for a New Definition of Equal Rights, Inc.

#### Article II

#### PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 2791 NE 57 Ct., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308. The business of this corporation may be conducted in all counties of the State of Florida and in all states of the United States, and in all territories thereof, and in all foreign countries as the Board of Directors shall determine.

#### Article III

# **PURPOSE**

(a) To act and operate as a nonprofit organization pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida whose intent is to respond to discrimination of any kind, particularly that which is based on sexual orientation in the State of Florida through

- documentation, advocacy, coalition building, public education, and through technical assistance.
- (b) To engage in any and all activities and pursuits to support or assist such other organizations as may be reasonably related to the foregoing and following purposes.
- (c) To solicit and receive contributions, purchase, own and sell real and personal property, to make contracts, or invest corporate funds, to spend corporate funds for corporate purposes, and to engage in any activity in furtherance of, incidental to, or connected with any of the other purposes.
- (d) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

#### Article IV

#### MANNER OF ELECTION

- (a) Election of new directors or election of current directors to additional terms will occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the corporation.
- (b) A nomination committee shall select and, with the Board of Directors approval, cause to be placed on the ballot a qualified candidate for each office under consideration, with no limit to the number of candidates for each office. A place shall be provided for write-in candidates.
- (i) "Even" numbered Directors and the Secretary shall be nominated and elected in "even" numbered years, while "odd" numbered Directors, the Treasurer, and all others shall be nominated and elected in "odd" numbered years.
- (ii) The remaining Officers shall be elected every other year for a term of two (2) years. The intent/purpose of this method of nomination and election is to

assure and/or enhance these officers and Directors effectiveness by providing a more continuous representation.

- (c) Nominations will be accepted until a qualified candidate is obtained for each office. The nominations committee shall present the ballot to the Board of Directors for their approval at the annual meeting. Resumes of candidates and the approved ballot with copies will be distributed to the Secretary for dissemination. A timetable for this process and deadline dates will be set by the nomination committee and approved by the Executive Committee prior to the annual meeting. Election to office will be by a plurality of votes cast for that office.
- (d) No individual can run for, be elected to, or hold, more than one position simultaneously.
- (e) In the event of a tie vote in the election, the winning candidate will be determined by lot, at the time of the ballot count.
- (f) The Chair shall notify the newly elected Officer of the election results by announcement at the annual meeting or via U.S. mail or more expedient means.

# Article V

#### DIRECTORS

The number of directors of this corporation shall be 4, or more than 4, as fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The number of directors constituting the present Board of Directors of the corporation is 4, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

Name	Address
Christine Lane	2791 NE 57 Ct., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
Jennifer Tong	3641 N. Carambola Circle, Coconut Creek, FL 33066

Pam Ford

3521 Thomas St., Hollywood, FL 33021

Juanita Lopez

6700 Bull Run Rd., Miami Lakes, FL 33014

#### Article VI

#### REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the corporation's initial registered office shall be: 2929 East Commercial Blvd., Ste. 205, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308. Such office may be changed at any time by the Board of Directors without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

The corporation's initial registered agent at such address shall be:

# George A. Lane

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.

George A. Lane

Date

# Article VII

# **INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Name Address

Christine Lane 2791 NE 57 Ct., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Article VIII

# DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed to likeminded civic organizations agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

In Witness Whereof, I Christine Lane have executed these Articles of Incorporation and say:

That I am the sole incorporator herein; and I have read the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation; know the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, excepting as to matters herein alleged upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe to be true.

Christine Lane

Date

