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The Florida Children's Lobby, Inc.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE FLORIDA CHILDREN'S LOBBY, INC.**

In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I hereby make, adopt and subscribe the following Articles of Incorporation:

**I.
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be:

The Florida Children's Lobby, Inc.

The principal address and the mailing address of the corporation shall be:

Robert Richardson
625 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 16
Sarasota, Florida 34236

**II.
PURPOSES**

The purpose of the corporation is to actively support and advance the health, education and welfare of children in the State of Florida. The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the promotion of social and community welfare as allowed by chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The general nature, objects and purposes of the organization shall be to operate without profit and to accept and receive property of whatever kind, and wherever situate, received by it by gift, grant, purchase, devise, bequest, or in any lawful manner and to administer and distribute such property exclusively for the promotion of social and community welfare and other charitable purposes, including but not limited to:

- A. Advancing legislation to advance the health, education and welfare of children in the State of Florida;
- B. Developing effective lobbying and information programs with the aim of raising the political profile of children in the State of Florida;
- C. Providing a nonpartisan voice at the state capitol for the needs of the children of the State of Florida;

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D. Responding to shifting politics and issues by sponsoring legislation and monitoring laws to ensure that hard-won improvements are implemented for the long-term benefits of Florida's children.

E. Testifying at hearings in the community, providing lobbyists with information about how laws and pending legislation will affect their field locally and statewide, serving as a resource for the media, and raising funds for the furtherance of the corporation's programs and in furtherance of its exempt purposes;

F. Engaging in any and all lawful activities necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of any of the above described purposes.

G. Modifying any restriction or condition on the administration and distribution of funds for any specified purpose consistent herewith if in the sole judgment of the board of directors, such restriction or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the designated purposes of the corporation.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, 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 the purpose clause hereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(4), of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of not less than three (3) persons, as determined pursuant to provisions of the Bylaws. The method of election of directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

IV. CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

V. BYLAWS

The first board of directors of the corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded by the directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

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**VI.
REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 200 S. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Susan Barrett Hecker.

**VII.
INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Robert Richardson
625 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 16
Sarasota, Florida 34236

**VIII.
MEMBERS**

Membership in the corporation shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

**IX.
COMMITTEES**

The corporation may establish such committees as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the general purposes and activities of the corporation.

**X.
DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**XI.
AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 22nd day of December 2003.


Robert A. Richardson
Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, hereby consents to the appointment as Registered Agent of Florida Children's Lobby, Inc., to accept service of process upon said corporation in this state. The undersigned is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position.


Susan Barrett Hecker
Registered Agent

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