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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

#### Allen Shannon Merchants Association, Inc.

The undersigned Incorporator hereby files these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

## Article 1. Name

The name of this Corporation shall be Allen Shannon Merchants Association, Inc.

# Article 2. Principal Office

The principal office of the Corporation shall be 2525 South Monroe Street, Suite 18B, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

# Article 3. Corporate Purpose

The Corporation shall be a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization formed and operated exclusively for business league association purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# Article 4. Corporate Powers

This Corporation shall have and exercise all powers accorded not-for-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are not in conflict with the Corporation's exempt purposes as provided in Article 3 above. Specifically, no part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any officer, director, member, or any other 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 3 above. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be dedicated to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise. The corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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### Article 5 Board of Directors

Section 5.01. The Powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors, the number of which may be either increased or decreased from time to time as regulated by the Bylaws but shall consist of not fewer than three. The manner and method of election of the Board of Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation. Where not inconsistent with Chapter 617 Florida Statues, and the expressed provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges prescribed by law of directors of corporations for profit.

Section 5.02. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of four members, as set forth below, who shall hold office for such terms as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation and until their successors have been elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation, removal from office, inability to act, or death.

Name/Office	Address
John Bartlow	206 Lonesome Woods Road
President	Tallahassee, Florida 32305
Wilbert Steve Fox	3308 West Lake Shore Drive
Vice President	Tallahassee, Florida 32312
Ronnal McGlockton	2301 Suffolk Ct.
Secretary	Tallahassee, Florida 32309
Michael L. Lample	1628 Silver Lake Road
Treasurer	Tallahassee, Florida 32310

### Article 6. Amendments

These Articles of Incorporation may amended by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting provided proper notice of the changes to be made has been given and a quorum is present, or without a meeting if a consent in writing, signed by the number of Directors whose votes would be necessary to authorize such amendment at a meeting, is filed in the minutes of the Corporation. Within ten (10) days after obtaining such authorization by written consent, notice summarizing the action shall be given to those Directors who have not consented in writing.

## Article 7. Dissolution

Upon dissolution, all of the Corporation's assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed (i) for one or more exempt purposes to any organization which shall then be qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, (ii) to the Federal Government, of (iii) to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed 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, as the said court shall determine, to one or more such organizations as have been organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. None of the assets shall be distributed to any officer, director, or member of the Corporation, or any other person or organization not described in the preceding sentence.

# Article 8. Registered Office and Registered Agent

The name and Florida street address of the Registered Agent of the Corporation are as follows:

#### Wilbert Stevens Fox

3308 West Lake Shore Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32312

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

Wilbert Stevens, Fox, Registered Agent

#### Article 9. Incorporators

The names and addresses of the incorporators of the Corporation are:

Name Address

John Bartlow 206 Lonesome Woods Road

Tallahassee, Florida 32305

Wilbert Stevens Fox 3308 West Lake Shore Drive

Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Ronnal McGlockton 2301 Suffolk Ct. Tallahassee, Florida 32309 1628 Silver Lake Road Michael L. Lample Tallahassee, Florida 32310 3308 West Lake Shore Drive Linda L. Hale Tallahassee, Florida 32312 25 Steele Court William Randolph Miller Crawfordville, Florida 32327 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed these Articles of Incorporation of Allen Shannon Merchants Association, Inc. on this day of April, 2004 Date: April 2/, 2004 John Bartlow Date: April 2/, 2004 \_Date: April 2/\_\_, 2004 -Date: April \_\_\_\_\_, 2004 Date: April \_ 21, 2004 Linda L. Hale

William Randolph Miller

Date: April 2004