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Division of Corporations George Firestone Building 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Floridians For Responsible Spending PAC, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for filing, please find the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, along with a check in the amount of \$78.75 for the applicable filing fees and fees to obtain a Certified Copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the following entity:

FLORIDIANS FOR RESPONSIBLE SPENDING PAC, INC.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Wilbur E. Brewton

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

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### FLORIDIANS FOR RESPONSIBLE SPENDING PAC, INC.

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act), the undersigned, as the sole incorporator, desiring to form a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Floridians For Responsible Spending PAC, Inc., (the "Corporation").

### **ARTICLE II - ADDRESS**

The principal office of the corporation is 610 South Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33606.

### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively as a not-for-profit entity for purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws) (hereinafter the "Code") to receive contributions and to operate exclusively for the promotion of the common good and general welfare of the people of the State of Florida, including, without limitation, (i) educating and informing the general public concerning matters effecting the common good and general welfare of the people of the State of Florida, (ii) promoting responsible and efficient government through public policy reform; (iii) promoting economic growth and prosperity, (iv) encouraging the public to participate in the shaping of laws and

regulations effecting the common good and general welfare of the people of the State of Florida, and (v) conducting voter education concerning matters effecting the common good and general welfare of the people of the State of Florida, all as permitted by applicable law, to engage in activities relating to the aforementioned purposes; and to invest in, receive, hold, use and dispose of all property, real or personal, as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect the aforementioned purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation subject to §501(c)(4) of the Code.

### ARTICLE IV - POWERS

The Corporation shall have all powers conferred upon not for profit corporations organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time hereafter, and any successor provisions thereto hereafter enacted or amended, but shall exercise such powers only in fulfillment of its above stated purposes.

### ARTICLE V - MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members and the Directors of the Corporation shall have the sole voting power.

### **ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised by a Board of Directors. The number, qualifications and manner of election or appointment of Directors of the Corporation and their respective terms of office shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation; provided, however, that the Corporation shall, at all times, have the minimum number of Directors required by applicable law and the Incorporator

shall appoint the initial Directors.

### <u>ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION</u>

In the event of the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, no liquidating or other dividend or distribution of property owned by the Corporation shall be declared or paid to any private individual, but the net assets of the Corporation shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) All liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid, satisfied, and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefor; and
- All remaining assets must be applied for purposes described in Article III hereof, and be (i) distributed to one or more organizations that are exempt from taxation under §501(c)(4) and have purposes similar to those of the Corporation, (ii) distributed to one or more corporations, funds or foundations that are exempt from taxation under §501(c)(3) of the Code, or (iii) distributed in any way that is not inconsistent with the Act or any provision or principle of tax law applicable to organizations described in §501(c)(4) of the Code.

### **ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall provide for the adoption of such initial By-Laws for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the carrying out of its purpose as the Board of Directors shall deem necessary; provided, however, that no By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors shall contain any provision inconsistent with the terms of these Articles of Incorporation, and, once adopted as the initial By-Laws of the Corporation, such By-Laws may not be altered, amended, repealed, or expanded absent the consent two-thirds of the then existing Board of Directors of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE IX - REGISTERED OFFICIAL AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation shall be:

Wilbur E. Brewton, 225 South Adams Street, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

## **ARTICLE X - INCORPORATOR**

The following is the name and address of the incorporator signing these Articles:

Wilbur E. Brewton, 225 South Adams Street, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

# <u>ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may not be altered, amended, repealed, or expanded absent the prior written consent of not less than the two-thirds of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this day of 4004.

WILBURE BREWTON

# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 22 day of 2004, by WILBUR E. BREWTON, as Incorporator, who is personally known to me.

NOTARY DUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

My Commission No:

My Commission Expires:

Angela R. Triplett Commission #DD231980 Expires: Aug 25, 2007 Bonded Thru Atlantic Bollding Ea.; toc.

# CERTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as the Registered Agent in the Articles of Incorporation of FLORIDIANS FOR RESPONSIBLE SPENDING PAC, INC., I hereby accept and agree to act in this capacity.

VILBUR E BREWTON

TÄLLÄHÄSSEE, FLORIDA