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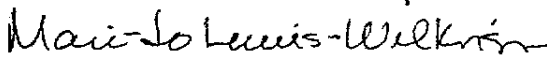
Re: **Coalition for Jobs and Growth in Florida, Inc.**

Dear Madam or Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation of **Coalition for Jobs and Growth in Florida, Inc.** Please file these Articles and issue a **Certified Copy**. A check in the amount of \$78.75 is enclosed. Upon receipt of this request, please date-stamp the copy of this letter attached, and call me when the certified copy is ready for pick up.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Mari-Jo Lewis-Wilkinson  
Paralegal

Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**COALITION FOR JOBS AND GROWTH IN FLORIDA, INC.**  
**A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation pursuant to the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, does hereby make, subscribe, adopt, and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation as follows:

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be **COALITION FOR JOBS AND GROWTH IN FLORIDA, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**  
**PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND/OR MAILING ADDRESS**

The Corporation's principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 301 South Bronough Street, Suite 600, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

**ARTICLE III**  
**PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

In particular, to discuss, promote, and encourage the creation of jobs and economic growth in Florida through sound public policy and a fair and predictable civil justice system.

In general, to do any and all acts and things, and to exercise any and all powers which now or hereafter are lawful for the Corporation to do or exercise under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida for the purpose of accomplishing any of the purposes of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**MANNER OF ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

Directors shall be appointed.

**ARTICLE V**  
**INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) natural persons who are 18 years of age or older but who need not be residents of Florida. The number of directors shall be fixed in the bylaws of this Corporation. The number of directors may be adjusted from time to time by the Board of Directors as provided in the bylaws of the Corporation.

The initial directors of the Corporation shall be:

Ellen Fitzsimmons

Herschel Vinyard

Jan M. Larson

The duration, term, and number of permitted terms of the directors and filling of vacancies shall be as set forth, from time to time, in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for the removal of directors and the loss or suspension of voting rights of directors.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President and Secretary and, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, a Treasurer and one or more Vice Presidents, each of whom shall be a natural person of 18 years or older. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint such other officers and assistant officers and agents as may be deemed necessary. The Board of Directors shall fix the term of office and salaries of all the officers of the Corporation. Officers may be re-elected to serve subsequent terms. In the event of a vacancy in any office for any

reason, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation.

All officers and agents of the Corporation shall have such authority and perform such duties in the management of the Corporation as are provided in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The Corporation designates George N. Meros, Jr. as its registered agent. The street address of the Corporation registered office shall be 301 South Bronough Street, Suite 600, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and place of business of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>
George N. Meros, Jr.	301 South Bronough Street Suite 600	Tallahassee, Florida 32301

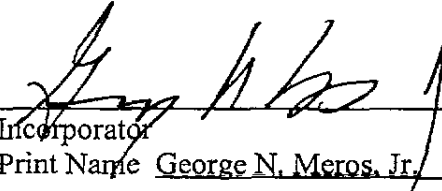
**ARTICLE IX**  
**BYLAWS**

The bylaws of the Corporation shall be initially approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and thereafter may be altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of directors at a duly called meeting of the Board in accordance with the bylaws.

**ARTICLE X**  
**AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September,  
2004.

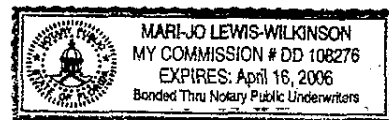
  
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Incorporator  
Print Name George N. Meros, Jr.

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**COUNTY OF LEON**

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in the aforesaid State and County personally appeared George N. Meros, Jr., who is known to me to be the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who severally acknowledged that he executed the same freely.

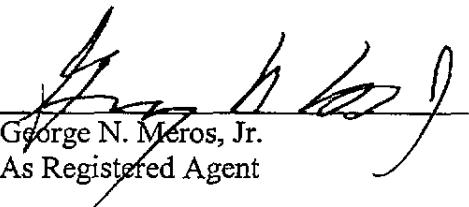
  
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NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires:



**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as the 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.

Dated: Sept 23rd, 2004.

  
George N. Meros, Jr.  
As Registered Agent

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