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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: SUMTER PRIDE INC. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)				
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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:				
\$70.00 Filing Fee	☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	□\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate	
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FROM: William R. SANDERS SR. Name (Printed or typed)				
75 Deange Street (P.O. BOX 402) Address				
Center Hill FL 33514 City, State & Zip				

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Articles of Incorporation

of

Sumter P.R.I.D.E., Inc.

* A Florida Not For Profit Corporation*

Pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Chapter 617, Florida Statues, and for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, the following Articles of Incorporation are hereby adopted and set forth.

Article I

The name of this corporation is: Sumter P.R.I.D.E., Inc.

Article II

The street address of the initial principal office of this corporation shall be: 75 Orange Street, Center Hill, Florida 33514

The business mailing address of this corporation shall be:

P.O. Box 402, Center Hill, Florida 33514

Article III

The purposes for which the corporation are organized are to reduce alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse; to develop a plan to implement educational programs and services that will help prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs by reducing community risk factors and building protective factors; to develop a comprehensive local community wide planning and strategic implementation program in furtherance of stated objectives of Sumter P.R.I.D.E; to engage any and all sectors of local government and communities in the task of reducing alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse; and for charitable, benevolent, educational and professional purposes as may be determined from time to time by the board of directors of Sumter P.R.I.D.E to be in the best interests of the organization, and said purposes include any and all legal purposes for which tax exempt organizations that are described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, meeting the requirements thereof, may conduct business and qualify as exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, and for any and all lawful business for which not- for- profit corporations may conduct business as a tax exempt organization described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, meeting the organizational test thereof, and is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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Article IV

The Board of directors shall be the governing body of the Corporation and shall consist of three or more individuals. The initial board of directors shall consist of the three (3) herein named in Article V. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority vote of the members, but the corporation shall never have fewer then three directors. The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed, shall be by a majority vote of the members. In the event of resignation, death or refusal to serve or continue to serve of any director, such vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining directors then serving.

Article V

The Initial Directors and/or officers of the corporation are:

Chair- Marjorie J. Sanders, 75 Orange Street, Center Hill, Fl. 33514 Vice Chair- Mitchell R. Brynes, 8486 C.R. 674, Bushnell, Fl. 33513 Secretary- Susan M. Bush, 2013 Chapman Oaks, Oviedo, Fl. 32765

Article VI

The duration of this corporation is perpetual. The date and time of commencement of the corporate existence is the time of filing of the articles of incorporation by the Department of State of the State of Florida.

Article VII

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 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 Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article VIII.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as a organization described in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, and qualify as exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public use.

Article IX

The <u>name and Florida street address</u> of the registered agent is: William R. Sanders Sr., 75 Orange Street, Center Hill, Florida, 33514

Article X

The <u>name and address</u> of the incorporator is:

Marjorie J. Sanders, 75 Orange Street, Center Hill, Florida, 33514

Having been named as a 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.

3-10-5

Date