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August 16, 2005

Secretary of State Division of Corporations New Filings Section P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Incorporation of Alachua County Council of the Blind, Inc.

Dear Corporate Filing Representative:

Enclosed are the following documents relating to the incorporation of Alachua County Council of the Blind, Inc.:

- (1) Articles of Incorporation for Alachua County Council of the Blind, Inc., signed by the incorporators of the corporation;
- (2) Acceptance of Registered Agent, signed by the registered agent of the corporation; and
- (3) A check in the amount of \$78.75 for filing the Articles of Incorporation (\$35.00), filing the Acceptance of Resident Agent (\$35.00), and for issuance of a Certificate of Status for the corporation (\$8.75).

Please file the Articles of Incorporation and forward a Certificate of Status to me.

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Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed documents. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Kehner, CLA Certified Legal Assistant to

Gary D. Grunder

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ALACHUA COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, INC. A Non-Profit Corporation

The undersigned subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation, being natural persons competent to contract, hereby subscribe to and form a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of the corporation is Alachua County Council of the Blinds Inc., a Non-Profit Corporation, and it shall have as its principal address 222 SW 36th Terr., Gainesville, Florida 32607 and its mailing address P.O. Box 5094, Gainesville, Florida 32627-5094.

#### ARTICLE II DURATION

The corporation is to exist perpetually, with commencement at the time of filing these Articles.

### ARTICLE III -PURPOSE

- A. The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is exclusively for the following purposes:
- (i) to operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, religious, or educational purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law (IRC).
- (ii) strive for the betterment of the total community through the following:
- (a) Through a representative community organization primarily of blind people;
- (b) By elevating the social, economic and cultural level of visually impaired people;

- (c) By improving opportunities in all areas o education, vocation, recreation and rehabilitation;
- (d) By encouraging and assisting the visually impaired to develop their abilities and potentialities and to assume their responsible place in the community;
- (e) By conducting a program of public education aimed toward improving the understanding of the problems of blindness and the capabilities of the visually impaired;
- (f) By improving public relations with various agencies and organizations in the community;
- (g) By providing for the free exchange of ideas, opinions, and information relative to matters of concern to visually impaired people.
- (h) Provide for the free exchange of ideas, opinions and information relative to matters of concern to blind people through periodic publications.
- B. No part of the assets, funds, or earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member or director of the corporation or any individual having a private interest in the activities of the corporation. The corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The term "funds of the corporation", as used herein, shall mean and include any properties and monies held by the corporation, including any income accumulated and any proceeds from the sale of any properties sold or otherwise disposed of.
- C. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation except to the extent permissible within the limitations imposed by IRC §501(h).
- D. Notwithstanding any other permission contained in these Articles, the corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, religious or educational purposes as a not-for-profit corporation and the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on: (i) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under IRC §501(c)(3); or (ii) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under IRC §170(c)(2).

### ARTICLE IV REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation shall be 22808 NW 62nd Ave., Alachua, Florida 32615, and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is Jack Varnon.

#### ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs and property of the corporation are to be managed by a Board of Directors and their duly elected or appointed individual successors. The method of election of the Directors shall be as stated in the corporation's By-Laws. The number of members of the Board of Directors, whose number shall never be less than three, and whose term under these Articles shall be until successors are elected and duly qualified and whose members, terms of office, manner of election and powers, duties and responsibilities shall be provided for in the By-Laws. The names and residential addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Directors are:

Maxine Stallings, 2930 NE 19th Street, Gainesville, Florida

Lenora McGowan, 6815 W. University Ave., Apt. 2101, Gainesville, Florida 32607

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Lucinda Henderson, 3207 SW-42nd Place, Gainesville, Florida 32608

Jack Varnon, 22808 NW 62nd Ave., Alachua, Florida 32615 Peggy Crawford, 1221 SE 19th Terrace, Gainesville, Florida

Carol Massey, 1901 NE 2nd Street, Apt. 223, Gainesville, Florida 32609

#### ARTICLE VI INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are:

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#### ARTICLE VII STOCK

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

#### ARTICLE VIII TAXES

During any period of time in which the corporation, is classified as a private foundation as defined in IRC §509(a): (i) the corporation, shall not engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in IRC §4941(d), so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by IRC §4941; (ii) the corporation, shall make distributions for each taxable year at such time and in such manner, so as to not become subject to the tax imposed by IRC §4942; (iii) the corporation, shall not retain any excess business holdings, as defined in IRC §4943(c), so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by IRC §4943; (iv) the corporation, shall not make any investment that would jeopardize the carrying out of any of the exempt purposes of the corporation, within the meaning of IRC §4944, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by IRC §4944; and (v) the corporation, shall not make any taxable expenditure, as defined in IRC §4945(d), so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by IRC §4945.

## ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

The corporation may be dissolved as provided herein or otherwise as provided by applicable law. If the corporation shall cease to exist or shall be dissolved, all property and assets of the corporation of every kind after

payment of its just debts, shall be distributed only to one or more public agencies, organizations, corporations, trusts, or foundations having like purposes and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, religious, or educational purposes, no part of the assets, income, or earnings of which may be used for dividends or otherwise withdrawn or distributed to or inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual and the activities of which do not include participation or intervention in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. In no event shall any distribution be made to any organization unless it qualifies as an organization exempt from federal income tax under IRC §501(c)(3).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 29 day of July, 2005. leva na Lenora McGowan, Incorporator Jack Varnon, Ingorporator Carol Massey, Incorporator

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#### DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT: 49

I hereby certify that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for Alachua County Council of the Blind, Inc.

Dated this 29 day of Tuly, 2005.

Jack Varnon, Registered Agent