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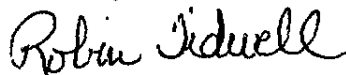
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Division of Corporations  
PO Box 6327  
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Subject: Incorporation of Rural Florida Childcare Resource Services, Inc.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Rural Florida Childcare Resource Services, Inc. and a check for \$78.75 to cover the cost of the Filing Fee, Registered Agent Designation and a Certified Copy of the Articles. Please send the Certified Copy of the Articles to the address shown above.

Please contact me at the address and phone number listed above if you need any other information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robin Tidwell

President

Rural Florida Childcare Resource Services

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
RURAL FLORIDA CHILDCARE RESOURCE SERVICES, INC.  
(A Florida Not for Profit Corporation)**

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We, the undersigned, with others being desirous of forming a philanthropic corporation not for profit under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I: Name**

The name of this Corporation shall be FLORIDA RURAL CHILDCARE RESOURCE SERVICES, INC., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation.

**ARTICLE II: Principal Office**

The principal place of business of this Corporation shall be 7753 South Shekinah Place, O'Brien, Florida 32071. The principal mailing address for this Corporation shall be P.O. Box 319, O'Brien, Florida 32071.

**ARTICLE III: Purpose**

- a. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- c. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not

disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

- d. In accordance with the above requirements, the objects and purposes of this Corporation shall be to encourage and support safe, healthy and high-quality childcare for working families in Florida's rural communities through education, technical assistance and empowerment of rural childcare providers.
- e. To have and exercise all powers conferred upon not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida generally, and specifically as provided in Section 617.021 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, not in conflict with the foregoing purposes.

#### ARTICLE IV: Manner of Election

The initial Directors of the Corporation shall be appointed by the Incorporators and shall include five members of the community interested in early childhood education and family support issues. Additional Directors may from time to time be nominated and elected by the Directors of the Corporation. The minimum and maximum number of Directors shall be defined in the Bylaws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V: Initial Directors/Officers

The initial Directors and Officers of the Corporation shall be:

Robin Tidwell  
PO Box 36  
O'Brien, FL 32071

Director, President

Margaret Maloney  
29274 River Run Rd.  
Branford, FL 32008

Director, Vice President

Trina Vaughn  
139 Hillcrest Circle  
Branford, FL 32008

Director, Secretary

Doris Smith  
2283 137<sup>th</sup> Road  
Live Oak, FL 32060

Director, Treasurer

Rev. Bruce Arnold  
24815 CR 49  
O'Brien, FL 32071

Director

ARTICLE VI: Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

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The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Fay F. McKeehan, 7753 S. Shekinah Place, O'Brien, FL 32071.

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ARTICLE VII: Incorporators

The names and addresses of the Incorporators are:

Robin Tidwell  
PO Box 36, O'Brien, FL 32071

Margaret Maloney  
29274 River Run Rd., Branford, FL 32008

Trina Vaughn  
139 Hillcrest Circle, Branford, FL 32008

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned incorporators have hereunto set our hands and seals for the purpose of forming RURAL FLORIDA CHILDCARE RESOURCE SERVICES, INC., a Florida Not For Profit Corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida.

Robin D. Tidwell  
Robin Tidwell Date

Margaret Maloney 10/25/05  
Margaret Maloney Date

Trina Vaughn 10-25-05  
Trina Vaughn Date

Having been named as 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.

Fay F. McKeehan 10/25/05  
Fay F. McKeehan Date