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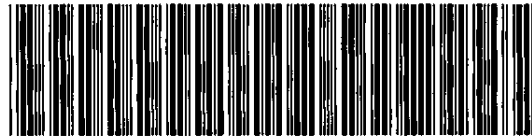
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SUBJECT: Big Bend Elder Advocates, Inc
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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 &
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☐ \$78.75
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☒ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM:

Toni Nelson
Name (Printed or typed)

Po Box 3006
Address

Tallahassee FL 32315
City, State & Zip

850 385-4300
Daytime Telephone number

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

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BIG BEND ELDER ADVOCATES, INC.
A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT

ARTICLE I

NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this Corporation shall be: **BIG BEND ELDER ADVOCATES, INC.** The principal office of the Corporation is located at 322 Beard Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, and the mailing address is 322 Beard Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

ARTICLE II

CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III

CORPORATE PURPOSES

This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), more specifically:

- 1) To provide services which fill an identified unmet need to elders and disabled persons.
- 2) To provide services which will enhance the quality of life for elders and disabled persons in their own homes, in facilities, or in family care settings.
- 3) To develop and provide educational materials and training for caregivers and volunteers providing care to elders.

- 4) To generate funds to support the cost of educational and information programs and administration of such services.
- 5) To serve as a source of information to the community on resources for elders, their caregivers and families.
- 6) To develop leadership skills in volunteers working in the field of aging.
- 7) To solicit, accept, hold and administer any public or private grants, contracts, devises, or bequests of money, securities, or property awarded for services to older persons, disabled persons, or purposes related thereto.
- 8) To conduct other programs, activities and services for or on behalf of elders, volunteers, and providers of services to elders in North Florida.

The Corporation's purposes shall also include the acceptance from any party, from time to time, of contributions and the deriving of income to be used or applied exclusively for the purposes set forth above. The Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to which deductible contributions may be made under Sections 170, 2055, or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable. No part of the assets or the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director, member, or any other person. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be dedicated to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

During any period that the Corporation is a private foundation, as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation shall: (1) distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942(a); (2) not engage or be involved in any act or self-dealing, as defined in Section 4941(d), so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section

4941(a); (3) not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c), so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943(a); (4) not make investments which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of Section 4944, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4944(a); and (5) not make any taxable expenditures, as defined in Section 4945(d), so as to give rise to any liability imposed by Section 4945(a). Unless otherwise indicated, as used in this Article III and hereinafter, all section references are to the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including any corresponding provisions of any subsequently enacted federal tax laws.

ARTICLE IV

CORPORATE POWERS

The Corporation shall have and exercise all powers accorded corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida which are not in conflict with the Corporation's exempt purposes as provided in Article III above.

ARTICLE V

CAPITAL STOCK

The Corporation shall not have capital stock.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no voting members. The Board of Directors may authorize the establishment of nonvoting membership from time to time. The designation of one or more classes of membership, the qualifications and rights of the members of each class, and the manner of their admission to membership shall be regulated by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors, the number of which may be either increased or decreased from time to time as regulated by the Bylaws but shall consist of not fewer than three (3) members or more than twelve (12) members. The manner and method of election of the Board of Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation. Where not inconsistent with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and the express provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges prescribed by law of directors of corporations for profit.

The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of five (5) members, as set forth below, who shall hold office for such terms as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation and until their successors have been elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation, removal from office, inability to act, or death:

<u>Director</u>	<u>Address</u>
Kurt Valle	200 Sinclair Road Tallahassee, Florida 32312
Walter Forehand	125 South Gadsden Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Bryan Desloge	1213 Miccosukee Road Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Janice Wise	2639 North Monroe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Toni Nelson

2061 Delwood Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at any, regular or special meeting provided proper notice of the changes to be made has been given and a quorum is present, or without a meeting if a consent in writing, signed by the number of Directors whose votes would be necessary to authorize such amendment at a meeting, is filed in the minutes of the Corporation. Within ten days after obtaining such authorization by written consent, notice summarizing the action shall be given to those Directors who have not consented in writing.

ARTICLE IX

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, all of the Corporation's assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed for an exempt purpose to any organization which shall then be qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and to which a contribution shall be permitted as a deduction under Sections 170, 2055, or 2522 as applicable, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. None of the assets shall be distributed to any officer, director, or member of the Corporation, or any other person or organization not described in the preceding sentence.

ARTICLE X

**REGISTERED OFFICE AND
REGISTERED AGENT**

The street address of the Registered Office of the Corporation is 2457 Care Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308 and the name of the Registered Agent at such address is Van P. Geeker, Esquire.

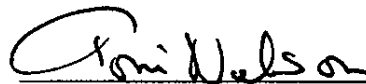
ARTICLE XI

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is as follows:

Toni Nelson
2061 Delwood Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed these Articles of Incorporation of **BIG BEND ELDER ADVOCATES, INC.**, on this 2nd day of June, 2006.



TONI NELSON
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 2nd day of June, 2006, by **TONI NELSON**, as Incorporator of **BIG BEND ELDER ADVOCATES, INC.**, a Florida corporation not-for-profit, who is personally known to me, or who has produced _____ as identification.

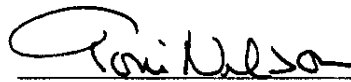

Notary Public

Marlyne S. Tyre
Commission # DD152021
Expires September 25, 2006
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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS
FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, AND
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

Pursuant to Sections 617.0501 and 48.091, Florida Statutes, **BIG BEND ELDER ADVOCATES, INC.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated Van P. Geeker, Esquire, whose street address is 2457 Care Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, as its agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.



TONI NELSON

Incorporator

Having been named by the above-referenced corporation as its registered agent to accept service of process at the location designated herein, Van P. Geeker, Esquire, hereby accepts to act in this capacity, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, and agrees to comply with the laws of Florida applicable thereto.



VAN P. GEEKER, ESQUIRE

as Registered Agent

Date: May 31, 2006

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