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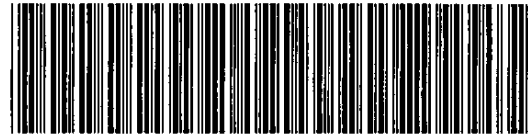
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**FLORIDA'S HEARTLAND RURAL CONSORTIA FOR THE  
HOMELESS, INC.**

November 1, 2006

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

Dear Sir (Madam):

**Subject: Florida's Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless, Inc.**

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above captioned corporate entity and a check for \$87.50 representing the cost of the filing fee, a certified copy and certificate.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



J. Rudy Reinhardt  
1200 W. Avon Boulevard, Suite 109  
Avon Park, Florida 33825  
Phone: (863) 452-6530

# **Florida's Heartland Rural Consortia For The Homeless, Inc.**

## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following articles of incorporation for such corporation.

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation is Florida's Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II EFFECTIVE DATE**

The existence of this corporation shall begin on the date of the filing of the Articles of Incorporation and the corporation shall exist perpetually.

### **ARTICLE III PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The initial location of the registered office is 501S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870

### **ARTICLE IV PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized to work toward the improvement of the plight of the homeless and its purposes are exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law; consisting of the following:

Florida's Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless, Inc. is committed to assisting individuals and families who have become homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless to obtain housing stability and improve their quality of life. Toward this end, Florida's Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless, Inc., will transact to promote the general health and social welfare of the homeless communities in Desoto, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Glades and Okeechobee Counties; and for that purpose:

- Coordinate existing shelter and support programs for the homeless;
- Identify and evaluate unmet needs in all six counties;
- Explore and develop all possible resources to meet the unmet needs and to create or expand existing programs for the homeless;
- Educate elected officials, community leaders and the public of the needs and circumstances of the homeless;
- Generate additional housing, employment, education and counseling/rehabilitative health related programs required for a long range solutions to the problems homeless.

Florida's Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless, Inc. will do all things necessary and ap for carrying out and exercising the foregoing purposes.

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## **ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Corporation shall be as provided in the Corporation's Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI MANNER OF ELECTION**

Officers shall be elected by the Consortia from its membership at the annual meeting of each alternating year and shall take office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected and shall serve a term of 2 (two) years.

As their terms expire, Directors shall be elected annually by the Members of the Corporation. The Directors elected at the first annual meeting shall be elected for staggered terms of three, two and one years. As the terms of such Directors expire, their successors shall be elected for a term of three years and until their successors are elected.

## **ARTICLE VII INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS**

The names and addresses of the incorporators and initial directors who are to serve until the first annual meeting or for the ensuing year are:

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Address</b>  | <b>Title</b>   | <b>County</b>     |
|--------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|
| J. Rudy Reinhardt  | 1200 W. Avon Boulevard<br>Avon Park, Florida 33825      | President      | Highlands County  |
| Jim Vensel         | 1600 S.W. Second Avenue<br>Okeechobee, Florida<br>34974 | Vice President | Okeechobee County |
| Erica Villafuerte  | 500 Avenue J<br>P.O. Box 1336<br>Moore Haven, Florida   | Secretary      | Glades County     |
| Penny Kurtz        | .34 S. Baldwin Avenue<br>Arcadia, Florida 34266         | Treasurer      | DeSoto County     |
| Arlene Bettencourt | 117 Fort Thompson Ave.<br>LaBelle, Florida 33935        | Director       | Hendry County     |
| Jeff Ramsland      | P.O. Box 422<br>Wauchula, Florida 33873                 | Director       | Hardee County     |
| Bette Sneider      | P.O. Box 422<br>Wauchula, Florida 33873                 | Director       | Hardee County     |
| Valerie Gilchrist  | 207 Magnolia Street.,<br>Arcadia, Florida               | Director       | DeSoto County     |

Roberto San Luis

5 Stirrup Way  
Arcadia, Florida 34266

Director

DeSoto County

#### **ARTICLE VIII INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees and agents to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION**

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 the Court of Common Pleas 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 purpose.

#### **ARTICLE X REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and address of the corporation's registered agent is J. Rudy Reinhardt, 1200 W. Avon Boulevard, Suite 109, Avon Park, Florida 33870.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for Florida's Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless, Inc. at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to F.S.617.0501

11-1-06

Date

J. Rudy Reinhardt  
J. Rudy Reinhardt, President

#### **ARTICLE XI INCORPORATER**

The name and address of the Incorporator is J. Rudy Reinhardt, 1200 W. Avon Boulevard, Suite 109, Florida 33870.

*Avon Park*  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation on November 1, 2006

J. Rudy Reinhardt  
J. Rudy Reinhardt  
President