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May 26, 2007

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

RE: Gainesville Area Women's Network, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I enclose the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation and check no. 1750 in the amount of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) Dollars for the filing fee and designation of registered agent.

If these meet with your approval, kindly return the certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation to my office at the address above.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Jane E. Hendricks

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GAINESVILLE AREA WOMEN'S NETWORK, INC.

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(organized pursuant to Chapter 617 Florida Statutes)

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is GAINESVILLE AREA WOMEN'S NETWORK, INC.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business shall be that of the President of the organization as is on file with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations www.sunbiz.org For purposes of filing these articles of incorporation, the principal place of business for the year 2007 shall be c/o Elizabeth Davies, CPA 3401 SW 100th Street Gainesville, FL 32607. The mailing address of this corporation shall be Post Office Box 90386 Gainesville, FL 32607-0386.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This corporation is a nonprofit corporation and is not organized for pecuniary profit or for the private gain of any person. It is organized for business networking and educational purposes under Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, Not For Profit Corporation Act. It shall exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations. Its functions include, but are not limited to, promoting a spirit of cooperation and support among women and those who support or target women in business through a network of business contacts, mutual education, encouragement and sharing of business success strategies and recognition of individual member's achievements in business and community affairs in Gainesville. It shall do and transact all such business necessary, incidental to or in any way connected with said functions.

ARTICLE IV – MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be as set forth in the Corporation Bylaws.

<u>ARTICLE V - INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS</u>

This corporation shall have a minimum of three (3) directors (council members). The number of directors (council members) may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws but shall never be less than three (3). The Board of Directors may be known as the "Council" and elected or appointed as provided for in the Corporation Bylaws at the first meeting of the membership of the Corporation. The officer positions shall be titled Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and shall function as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer typically do in conducting meetings, record-keeping and management of financial affairs. The initial directors (council members) are as follows:

Elizabeth Davies, CPA, Chair, 3401 SW 100th Street Gainesville, FL 32607 Shenna Benarte, Vice-Chair P. O. Box 357338 Gainesville, FL 32635 Joan O'Steen, Secretary P.O. Box 2728 High Springs, FL 32655 Kathy Shepard, Treasurer P O Box 90386 Gainesville, FL 32607

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ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADD...

The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation is Jane E. Hendricks Esquire and the registeres is 11415 Palmetto Blvd, Alachua, FL 32615 street address is 11415 Palmetto Blvd, Alachua, FL 32615

The name and mailing address of the person signing these articles is: Esquire 531 Turkey Creek Alachua, FL 32615.

ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors (Council) of the Corporation acting in accordance with law and as set forth in the Corporation Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - DEDICATION AND DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS

All the property and assets of this Corporation are dedicated to the purposes set forth in Article III. No part of said property or assets shall inure to the benefit of any Member, Director or Officer of this Corporation or to the benefit of any private individual. However, reasonable compensation may be paid to employees or consultants for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. Reimbursement to any Member, Director or Officer for costs advanced on behalf of the corporation shall be made upon proper submission of an invoice and documentation.

Upon the dissolution, winding up or abandonment of the Corporation, the Board of Directors (Council) of the Corporation shall, after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation, dispose of all assets of the Corporation to such an organization or organizations as the Board of Directors (Council) chooses which is/are organized and operated exclusively for the advancement of women in the business or education environment or the protection of women in the social environment as shall at that time have established tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming this Corporation Not For Profit under the laws of the State of Florida this <u>24</u> day of May, 2007.

Jane E. Hendricks, Esq. Incorporator

CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this document Article VI, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Jane E. Hendricks, Esq. Registered Agent