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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LEADERSHIP FLORIDA CONNECT, INC. SECRETAR

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH Sections 617.0202 and 617.0203, Florida Statutes, the undersigned incorporator files the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE ! Name

The name of the corporation is **LEADERSHIP FLORIDA CONNECT**, **INC**.

#### **ARTICLE II** <u>Purpose</u>

This corporation shall be a not-for-profit corporation operated under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. This organization is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or by any organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the purposes of the Corporation include, but are not limited to: (1) establishing and maintaining an educational program designed to develop leadership skills among members of the greater State of Florida community, and (2) promote the development of strong community leadership skills among citizens of the greater State of Florida community.

## ARTICLE III <u>Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution</u>

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation 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. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, except that the Corporation may make payments or distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

## ARTICLE IV Members

This Corporation shall have one or more classes of members, the designations, qualifications, and rights of each class, and any quorum voting and notice requirements for which shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE V Directors

Directors of the Corporation shall be elected as set forth in the Corporation's By-Laws and shall serve until their successors are elected. Until By-laws have been adopted, directors shall be elected as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or any statute adopted in succession thereof.

#### ARTICLE VI Amendments to Articles

These articles may be amended as set forth in the By-laws of the corporation. Until By-laws have been adopted, these articles may be amended as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or any statute adopted in succession thereof.

## ARTICLE VII Principal Office

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is at 136 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

## ARTICLE VIII Incorporator

The incorporator is Wendy Abberger, 136 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

## ARTICLE IX Address of Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the initial Registered Office of this Corporation in the State of Florida shall be 136 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The name of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation at the above address shall be Wendy Abberger. The Board of Directors may from time to time change the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida or change the Registered Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscribing Incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2007.

Wendy Abberger

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Wendy Abberger, who is personally known to me and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth and expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this day of June, 2007.

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires:

Cynthia D. McCray
Commission # DD422733
Expires April 26, 2009
For Pub Bondon Tol. Pro Guiranos, Inc. 800-385-7019

#### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

In compliance with Sections 617.0501 and 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

LEADERSHIP FLORIDA CONNECT, INC., desiring to organize as a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 136 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 3230 as its initial Registered Office and has named Wendy Abberger, located at said address as its initial Registered Agent.

Having been named registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of her duties and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of her position as registered agent.

Wendy Abberger Registered Agent

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