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Secretary of State  
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P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**Re: Suwannee Valley Long Term Recovery Organization, Inc.**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

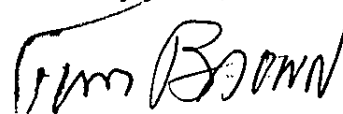
Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Acceptance by Registered Agent in the above-referenced corporation, along with a check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the following:

Filing Fee	\$35.00
Registered Agent Designation	35.00
Corporate Status Certificate	8.75

If you find the enclosed in proper form, please file the original and return a copy to: Thomas W. Brown, Esq., Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A., Post Office Box 1029, Lake City, FL 32056 along with the Corporate Status Certificate.

Thank you and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely yours,



Tom W. Brown  
For the Firm

TWB/syb  
Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF**

**SUWANNEE VALLEY LONG TERM RECOVERY ORGANIZATION, INC.  
a non-profit Florida corporation**

(Pursuant to §617.0202, Florida Statutes.)

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The undersigned have this day associated for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of Florida and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

1. **Name.** The name of this corporation is **SUWANNEE VALLEY LONG TERM RECOVERY ORGANIZATION, INC.** The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

2. **Tax-Exempt Status.** The tax exempt purposes of this corporation shall be to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property or both and, subject to the restrictions and limitations which are hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income from the principal of the fund or funds exclusively for charitable, or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or any may hereafter be amended. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by organizations described in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

3. **Initial Objectives.** The specific charitable and educational objectives of this corporation are to support local and area disaster recovery, taking into consideration the needs of the communities and area citizens who are initiating, coordinating, and implementing plans for recovery from a disaster of any type.

4. **Powers.** In furtherance of its objectives and to provide funds therefor, this corporation shall have the capacity and power to do any and all things necessary and appropriate to their accomplishment, including but not limited to:

a. To hold, manage and administer any and all real and personal property of every kind and description acquired by the corporation; to use and apply the whole or part of the income therefrom and the principal interest thereof exclusively for charitable or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

b. To accept and receive by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise for the uses and purposes of this corporation, any property -- real, personal or mixed -- of any kind, nature or description.

c. To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise; to own, hold, maintain and improve; to sell, exchange, mortgage, license, lease or otherwise dispose of, such real and personal property as may be necessary to further accomplish this corporation's purposes.

d. To invest and reinvest its funds and assets, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any gift, devise, bequest or grant; provided, however, that such limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provisions of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

e. To make and enter into contracts and agreements of every kind and description necessary to further the purposes of this corporation and to apply for, receive, contract, administrate, and perform gifts, grants, awards, contracts, and programs to accomplish its purposes with any and all governmental, charitable or educational organizations.

f. To exercise all rights and privileges appurtenant to any securities or any property held by this corporation, including, but without limitation to, the right to vote any share of stock which may be held by this corporation.

g. To act as trustee of funds for trusts created solely for charitable or educational purposes as shall be in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of this corporation.

h. To do any and every act or thing, and to engage in any other activity or undertaking necessary or convenient to the fulfillment of the purposes of this corporation which a corporate body may lawfully do or perform; provided, however, that only such acts or things shall be done and such activities or undertakings engaged in as are in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of this corporation and as may be done or engaged in by an organization exempt under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

i. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

j. To hold meetings, lectures, and other educational, business, and social programs, to engage speakers, to compile and distribute information, and to provide printed material, forms, recordings, and other presentations or materials for the benefit of the members and/or the public.

k. To do any and every act or thing, and to engage in any other activity or undertaking necessary or convenient to the fulfillment of the purposes of this corporation which a corporate body may lawfully do or perform; provided, however, that only such acts or things shall be done and such activities or undertakings engaged in as are in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of this corporation and as may be done or engaged in by an organization exempt under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

l. Upon dissolution or winding up of Suwannee Valley Long Term Recovery Organization, Inc., the assets of the corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to United Way of Suwannee Valley, or to one or more organizations recognized as exempt from federal corporate income taxation under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or such other similar legislation as shall be hereinafter enacted, to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. To the extent the assets are not distributed to tax exempt organizations, the assets shall be distributed to the federal, state or local government for a public purpose. If the corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

6. **Non-Profit Status.** This corporation shall be a non-profit corporation and shall have no capital stock, and no dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared or paid to the directors or officers. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director or officer of this corporation or any private individual, provided, however, that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to this corporation in the furtherance of its purposes. This provision shall not limit payments to victims of a disaster made in accordance with the Articles and By-Laws of Suwannee Valley Long Term Recovery Organization, Inc.

7. **Registered Agent.** This corporation appoints Rita Dopp, as Executive Director, United Way of Suwannee Valley, 325 NE Hernando Avenue, Suite 102, Lake City, Florida 32055, who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Florida for at least three years, as its Registered agent in and for the State of Florida. This appointment may be revoked at any time by the Board of Directors authorizing and directing the filing with the Florida Corporation Commission of a statement in accordance with F.S. 617.1509.

8. **Known Place of Business.** The known place of business of the corporation shall be: 325 NE Hernando Avenue, Suite 102, Lake City, Florida 32055, and at such other places as from time to time may be selected by the Board of Directors.

9. **Incorporator.** The name and address of the undersigned incorporator is:

**Rita Dopp  
United Way of Suwannee County  
325 NE Hernando Avenue, Suite 102  
Lake City, Florida 32055**

All powers, duties and responsibilities of the incorporator shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Florida Corporation Commission for filing.

10. **Indemnification of Officers, Directors, Employees, and Agents.** Subject to the provisions of this Article, the corporation shall indemnify any and all its existing and former directors, officers, employees and agents against all expenses incurred by them and each of them including but not limited to legal fees, judgments, penalties and amounts paid in settlement or compromise which may arise or be incurred, rendered, or levied in any legal action brought or threatened against any of them for or on account of any action or omission alleged to have been committed while acting within the scope of services or employment as director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, whether or not any action is or has been filed against them and whether or not any settlement or compromise is approved by a court. Indemnification shall be made by the corporation whether the legal action brought or threatened is by or in the right of the corporation or by any other person.

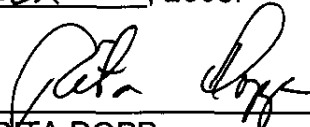
Whenever any existing or former director, officer, employee or agent shall report to the Chairperson or Treasurer of Suwannee Valley Long Term Recovery Organization, Inc. that he or she has incurred or may incur expenses, including but not limited to legal fees, judgments, penalties, and amounts paid in settlement or compromise in a legal action brought or threatened against him or her for or on account of any action or omission alleged to have been committed by him or her while acting within the scope of his or her services or employment as a director, officer employee or agent of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, at its next regular or at a special meeting held within a reasonable time thereafter, determine in good faith whether, in regard to the matter involved in the action or contemplated action, such person acted, failed to act, or refused to act willfully or with gross negligence or with fraudulent or criminal intent.

If the Board of Directors determines in good faith that such person did not act, fail to act, or refuse to act willfully or with gross negligence or with fraudulent or criminal intent in regard to the matter involved in the action or contemplated action, indemnification shall be mandatory and shall be automatically extended as specified herein; provided, however,

that no such indemnification shall be available with respect to liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and provided further that the corporation shall have the right to refuse indemnification in any instance in which the person to whom indemnification would otherwise have been applicable shall have unreasonably refused to permit the corporation at its own expense and through counsel of its own choosing, to defend him or her in the action.

11. **Amendment of Articles of Incorporation.** These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors of this corporation at a meeting called for that purpose; provided, however, that in no event shall the purposes of this corporation be changed.

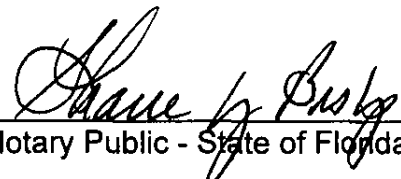
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the following incorporator has signed these Articles of Incorporation this 25 day of March, 2008.

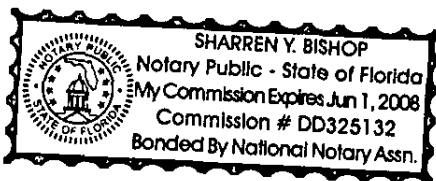
  
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RITA DOPP

State of Florida

County of Columbia

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 25th day of March, 2008, by RITA DOPP, who is personally known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

  
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Notary Public - State of Florida



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**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

**Rita Dopp, Executive Director, United Way of Suwannee Valley, 325 NE**

**Hernando Avenue, Suite 102, Lake City, Florida 32055**, who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Florida for at least three years, hereby accepts her appointment as Registered Agent of **SUWANNEE VALLEY LONG TERM RECOVERY ORGANIZATION, INC.**, to accept and acknowledge service of, and upon whom may be served, all necessary process or processes in any action, suit or proceeding that may be had or brought against this corporation in any of the courts of Florida; and affirms that her office at the address set forth in the foregoing Articles shall serve as the Registered office of the corporation.

DATE: March 25, 2008

  
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RITA DOPP