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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

COMMITTEE FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT, INC.

The undersigned Incorporator hereby files these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a corporation (the "Corporation") under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I Name and Address

The name of the Corporation shall be COMMITTEE FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT, and the address of the Corporation is 860 E. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

ARTICLE !! Nature of the Business

The Corporation shall be organized as a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The Corporation is organized and shall operate exclusively for the promotion of social welfare as permitted in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, by, including but not limited to, activities to promote open government and public disclosure policies in the State of Florida. No part of the Corporation's earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purpose. Corporation shall not engage in any activity not permitted under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

ARTICLE III Stock

The Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

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ARTICLE IV

Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is as follows:

Steven Todd Wilder 860 E. Park Avenue Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

ARTICLE V

Term of Corporate Existence

The Corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation that is organized exclusively for either charitable or social welfare purposes, having established its tax exempt status under either Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to a state or legal government, for a public purpose, or any other purpose permitted by law.

ARTICLE VI

Address of Registered Office and Registered Agent

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be 860 E. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at the above address shall be Steven Todd Wilder. 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.

ARTICLE VII

Number of Directors

The business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least three (3) persons, the exact number to be determined from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws. The directors shall be elected as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

Officers

The Corporation shall have a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and may have additional and assistant officers, including without limitation thereto, two or more Vice-Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers. The same person may hold any two or more offices.

ARTICLE IX

Indemnification of Directors and Officers

- The Corporation hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless from claim, (a) liability, loss or judgment any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action to procure a judgment in its favor), brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as Director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise in which he served at the request of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred as a result of such action, suit, or proceeding or any appeal thereof, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not create a presumption that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties to the Corporation.
- (b) Any indemnification under paragraph (a) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that amounts for which a Director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and that such Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made

either by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

- (c) The Corporation shall be entitled to assume the defense of any person seeking indemnification pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) above upon a preliminary determination by the Board of Directors that such person has met the application standards of conduct set forth in paragraph (a) above, and upon receipt of any undertaking by such person to repay all amounts expended by the Corporation in such defense, unless it shall uitimately be determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this article. If the Corporation elects to assume the defense, counsel chosen by it and not objected to in writing for valid reasons by such person shall conduct such defense. In the event that the Corporation elects to assume the defense of any such person and retains such counsel, such person shall bear the fees and expenses of any additional counsel retained by him, unless there are conflicting interests between or among such person and other parties represented in the same action, suit or proceeding by the counsel retained by the Corporation, that are, for valid reasons, objected to in writing by such person, in which case the reasonable expenses of such additional representation shall be within the scope of the indemnification intended if such person is ultimately determined to be entitled thereto as authorized in this article.
- (d) The foregoing rights of Indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the power of the Corporation to indemnify under any applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscribing Incorporator to the Articles of Incorporation has set his signature and seal this $\frac{1}{2}$ day of April, 2008.

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STATE OF FLORIDA

Steven Todd Wilder, who is personally known to me, acknowledged this instrument before me this 15th day of April 2008.

MARYIN THOMPSON, JR. Notery Public, State of Florida Commissional CO656577 My comm. expires March 28, 2011

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: March 25, 2011

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

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

COMMITTEE FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT, INC., desiring to organize as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 860 E. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, as its initial Registered Office and has named Steven Todd Wilder, located at said address, as its initial Registered Agent.

Steven Todd Wilder Incorporator

Having been named Registered Agent for the above stated corporation, at the designated Registered Address, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 48.091 relative to keeping the office open.

Steven Todd Wilder

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