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

SUBJECT: POLK COUNTY C.E.R.T. ASSOCIATION INC. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Donald Williams
Name (Printed or typed)

1830 Tahiti Circle

Davenport Fl. 33897
City, State & Zip

863 - 424 - 8368 Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF POLK COUNTY C.E.R.T. ASSOCIATION INC.

## ARTICLE 1 - NAME OF CORPORATION

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The name of this corporation shall be Polk County C.E.R.T. Association Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

# ARTICLE II – ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The address of the principal office and mailing address of the Association is 1048 Ruby Street, Lakeland Florida 33815.

#### ARTICLE III – PURPOSES AND POWERS OF ASSOCIATION

The address of the principal office and mailing address of the corporation is 1048 Ruby Street, Lakeland Florida 33815

- A. The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes, including, for all such purposes, making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or such corresponding section of any future federal tax code ( hereinafter referred to as the "Code"). To the extent consistent with the preceding sentence and permissible under Florida law, the purposes of this corporation shall include, but shall not be limited to support and direct training and education of the C.E.R.T. teams in Polk County in disaster planning and preparedness, assist governmental agencies that request help from C.E.R.T.'S, and contact other emergency management organizations. The association will also apply for grants to help the C.E.R.T. teams in Polk County to become better prepared for any disasters that may happen. The Association shall be authorized to carry out any and all corporate powers which may now or hereafter be lawful under the laws of the State of Florida to the extent applicable to Associations not-for-profit and are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation.
- B. This corporation shall be authorized to carry out any and all acts and to exercise any and all corporate powers, which may now or hereafter be lawful under the

laws of the State of Florida to the extent applicable to corporations not for profit and that are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation.

- C. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles of Incorporation to the Contrary, the following provisions shall apply;
- (1) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III.
- (2) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distributing statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Code.
- (4) If the corporation is, or shall ever be, classified as a "private foundation", as defined in Section 509 (a) of the Code, the following provisions shall apply for as long as it remains a private foundation:
- (a) The corporation will not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Code.
- (b) The corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to be subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code.
- (c) The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Code.

• (d) The corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to Tax under Section 4944 of the Code.

(e) The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Code.

#### ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All corporate power shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Association shall be managed under the direction of the Associations Board of Directors. The number of directors shall be set forth in the Bylaws, and shall at all times consist of at least seven (7) persons. The Board of Directors of this Association shall be elected as provided in the Association's By-Laws.

## INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

President / Director - Roger Land, 1048 Ruby Street, Lakeland, Fl. 33815

Vise President / Director - Kurt McLaughlin, 736 Par Pines Blvd., Davenport, Fl. 33897

Secretary / Director - Wayne Schoeffel, 165 Knoll Wood Drive, Kissimmee, Fl. 34759

Treasurer / Director - Carl Bleiler, 923 Ruby Street, Lakeland, Fl. 33815

Director - Barbara Adkins, 103 Piedmont Ave., Davenport Fl. 33897

Director - Paul Novalis, 143 Dreama Drive, Davenport, Fl. 33897

Director - Russell Andersen, 208 Vienna Court, Kissimmee, Fl. 34759

# ARTICLE V – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS

The Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Association may be amended or repealed by the Board of Directors. Notice of any proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws must be given to each member of the Board of Directors at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which it is proposed to amend or repeal the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP

The Association shall have no voting members. The Board of Directors may establish a non – voting membership of the Association

## ARTICLE VII - INDEMIFICATION

This Association shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

Upon the dissolution of this Association, after payment or provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of this Association, all of the assets of this Association shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the 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 Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and exclusively for such purposes. In no event, however, may the Assets to be disposed of be distributed to or for the benefit of any member, director, trustee, officer or other private person, other than a reasonable payment for services rendered by such person.

# ARTICLE VIIII - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address (P. O. Box not acceptable) of the registered agent is: Donald Williams, 1830 Tahiti Circle, Davenport, Fl. 33897

#### ARTICLE X - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Roger Land, 1048 Ruby Street, Lakeland, Fl. 33815

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

Donald Williams

Signature/ Registered Agent

17-15-2008

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-Roger Land Signature/ Incorporator

Date