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# **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT:	FIRST STEP, INC. OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
	(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – <u>MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX</u> )

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Enclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the Artic	les of Incorporation and	a check for:		
<b>\$70.00</b>	\$78.75	□\$78.75	<b>✓</b> \$87.50		
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: FIRST STEP, INC. OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal <u>street</u> address and mailing address, if different is: 216 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

# ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Its sole purpose is to supplement the rehabilitative efforts of the Florida Department of Corrections in accordance with Section 948.039 Florida Statutes, or the corresponding section of any future Florida Statute. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Upon the dissolution of the 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 the 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 a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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.

# ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: As provided for in the bylaws.

# ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

List name(s), address(es) and specific title(s):

Title: Director

Name: Diamond Litty

Address: 216 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Title: Director

Name: Natasha McMullen-Lavigne Address: 216 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Title: Director

Name: Gabby Rothman

Address: 216 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Title: Director

Name: Michelle Derrico

Address: 216 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Title: Director Name: Thomas Mark

Address: 3552 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Title: Director

Name: Edmond Alonzo

Address: 217 Avenue A, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Title: Director Name: Kathy Degroat

Address: 3552 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Title: Director Name: David Smith

Address: 3552 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Title: Director Name: Don Monroe

Address: 3552 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

### ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Alonzo Law Offices, P.A., 217 Avenue A, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR The name and address of the Incorporator is: Diamond Litty, 216 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

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.

The Registered Agent must type their name in the 'Registered Agent Signature' block below. RA signature MUST be an individual name. If the RA is a business entity, an individual must sign on the entity's behalf. Do not enter the name of the entity you are attempting to file as Registered Agent. A business entity cannot serve as its own RA.

**Registered Agent Signature** 

Edmond Alonzo

This signature must be that of the individual "signing" this document electronically or be made with the full knowledge and permission of the individual, otherwise it constitutes forgery under s.831.06, Florida Statutes.

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Dated 7/16/09

Incorporator Signature

Diamond Litty

This signature must be that of the individual "signing" this document electronically or be made with the full knowledge and permission of the individual, otherwise it constitutes **forgery** under s.831.06, Florida Statutes. The individual "signing" this document affirms that the facts stated herein are true.

Dated 7/16/09