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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT:	Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc.			
	(PROPOSED CORPORATE	E NAME – <u>MUST INCLUI</u>	DE SUFFIX)	
Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :				
S70.00 Filing Fee	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy  ADDITIONAL CO		
FROM: Susan Musante Stanko Name (Printed or typed)				
735 Arlington Avenue N., Suite #203 Address				

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

stmusante@gmail.com

727-498-8729

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

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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## 'ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not-for-Profit)

The undersigned, of whom is a citizen of the United States, acting as an incorporator of a corporation desiring to form a Not-for-Profit Corporation under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Laws of the State of Florida adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

- Article I. THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION is Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc.
- Article II. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS of the Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc is located at 735 Arlington Avenue N., Suite 203, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701
- Article III. THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THIS CORPORATION IS FORMED are exclusively charitable, religious, educational and scientific and consist of the following:
  - A. This corporation is formed exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future United States federal tax code.
  - **B.** To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
  - C. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trusts, institution, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
  - **D.** To serve the public purpose of advocating the healthy development of children of divorced and separated parents by reducing divorce and strengthening families through custody reform, parental mediation, reconciliation and access, financial and educational support systems, recommended legislative revision, and court briefs.
  - E. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes in such a manner that the Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future United States federal tax code.

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Article IV. MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The number, qualification, method of selection and duties of directors shall be stated in the bylaws. The initial directors, comprised of three individuals, will be named in the bylaws.

#### Article V. THE INITIAL DIRECTORS ARE:

Susan Musante-Stanko, Director 735 Arlington Ave. N. Suite #203, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Joseph Tomey Musante, Director 735 Arlington Ave. N. Suite #203, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Candace Leigh Musante, Director 735 Arlington Ave. N. Suite #203, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

- Article VI. THE NAME OF THE REGISTERED AGENT of the Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. is Susan Musante-Stanko. The address of the registered agent is 735 Arlington Avenue N., Suite 203, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.
- Article VII. THE NAME AND THE ADDRESS OF THE INCORPORATOR is Susan Musante-Stanko, 735 Arlington Avenue N., Suite 203, St. Petersburg, and Florida 33701.
- Article VIII. THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CORPORATION IS January 11, 2010
- **Article IX. THE MEMBERS:** The qualification for members, method of their admission and duration of membership shall be regulated by the bylaws.

#### Article X. 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS:

- A. CORPORATE PURPOSES: Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation nor shall the corporation 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.
- **B. EXCLUSIVITY:** Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes.

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- C. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT: The Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. shall not distribute any revenues or net earnings to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, 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 Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of The Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.
- D. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and The Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. 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.
- E. DISSOLUTION: Upon the dissolution of The Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc., the assets of The Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. for one or more exemot 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 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 Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. is 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 XI. INDEMNIFICATION: Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that she is or was a Director or Officer of The Children's Rights Council of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

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## REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

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 appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Susan Musante-Stanko, Registered Agent

Date: 1-/1-2010

#### **EXECUTION**

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2010.

Susan Musante-Stanko, Incorporator

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