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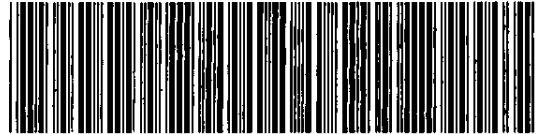
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## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: The Trust for Florida's Children, 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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☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Leonel Mesa  
Name (Printed or typed)

5753 Miami Lakes Drive E  
Address

Miami Lakes, FL 33014  
City, State & Zip

305-403-0006  
Daytime Telephone number

leopsyd@aol.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

*The name of the corporation shall be:*  
The Trust for Florida's Children, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

*The principal street address and mailing address, if different is:*  
2531 Goose Pond Court, Tallahassee, Florida 32308

### **ARTICLE III: ENABLING LAW**

This corporation is organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as a corporation not for profit.

### **ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE**

*The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:*  
Pursuant to Chapter 39.0011, Florida Statutes, to assist the state in carrying out its purposes and responsibilities regarding the prevention of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect; promotion of adoption; and support of adoptive families by raising money; submitting requests for and receiving grants from the Federal Government, the state or its political subdivisions, private foundations, and individuals; and making expenditures to or for the benefit of the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

### **ARTICLE V: TERM**

The period of the duration of this Corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to the law. 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 VI: QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

The qualifications of Board members of the Corporation, the authorized number, and the manner of admission of members to this Corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the privilege of voting and other rights and privileges of members, the liability of members and/or dues or assessments, and the method of collection thereon in the termination and transfer of membership, shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of this Corporation.

**ARTICLE VII: MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

Board of Directors: The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors. The number of Directors herein provided for shall be set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation, providing that there shall never be less than seven members on the Board of Directors. The names and addresses of persons constituting the initial Board of Directors who are to act in that capacity until the selection of their successors are:

Leonel Mesa Chairman  
5753 Miami Lakes Drive E, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Jon Johnson Vice Chairman  
537 East Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301

Deborah Polston Secretary  
1464 Ox Bottom Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32312

Aaron Bean Treasurer  
305 Bonnieview Road, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Wesley Barnett  
P.O. Box 2100, Lakeland, Florida 33806

Matt Carter  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Jim Clark  
4203 Southpoint Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32216

Nick Cox  
9393 N. Florida Ave., Suite 900, Tampa, FL 33612

Richard Komando  
11111-70 San Jose Boulevard, #318, Jacksonville, FL 32223

Greg Kurth  
2600 Technology Dr., Suite 250, Orlando, FL 32804

Vena Napolitano Ulm  
4313 W. Cleveland Street, Tampa, FL 33609

Jerry Haag  
P.O. Box 8190, Lakeland, FL 33802

Victoria Zepp  
2111 Ellicott Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308

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Employment of Staff: The Board of Directors may retain staff for the purpose of conducting day-to-day management and supervision of Corporation affairs, consistent with policies and directions set by Board, and with the qualifications and provisions outlined in the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE VIII: BY-LAWS**

By-Laws will be hereinafter adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Such By-Laws may be amended or repealed in whole, or in part, in the manner provided therein. Any amendment to the By-Laws shall be binding on all members of this corporation.

**ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by members of the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of the Board of Directors for their vote; amendments may be adopted by a vote of majority of members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE X: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Barbara F. Foster 2531 Goose Pond Court, Tallahassee, Florida 32308

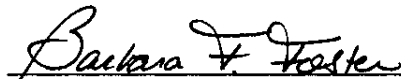
**ARTICLE XI: INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Leonel Mesa 5753 Miami Lakes Drive E, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

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*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.*

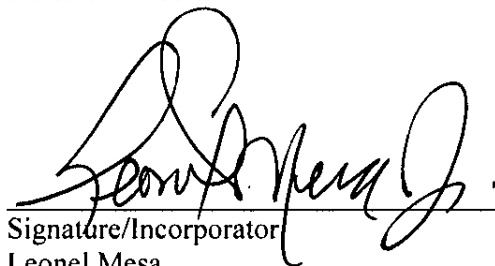


Signature/Registered Agent

Barbara F. Foster

03-08-2010

Date



Signature/Incorporator

Leonel Mesa

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