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April 27, 2010

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SUBJECT: FLORIDA COUNCIL OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

Ref. Number: W10000020416

We have received your document for FLORIDA COUNCIL OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 



# FLORIDA COUNCIL OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of this Corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, adopts the following articles of incorporation and states as follows:

# ARTICLE I

# Name and Principal Place of Business

The name of the corporation is Florida Council of Advanced Practice Nurses Political Action Committee, Inc. The initial principal place of business is: 6294 NW Torreya Park Road, Bristol, Florida 32321. The mailing address is: Post Office Box 602, Lake Helen, Florida 32744.

# **ARTICLE II**

# <u>Duration</u>

The period of the duration of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved in accordance with Florida law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

#### ARTICLE III

# Purposes

The purposes for which this corporation is created and maintained shall be exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and no activities which are not permitted by

an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be permitted.

The corporation shall have the following specific powers:

- (1) To gather, analyze and disseminate data and information relating to the advanced practice of nursing; to advocate for the removal of obstructions to the advanced practice of nursing; to support and promote issues and policies that enhance the advanced practice of nursing; to assist state and local agencies, leaders and authorities which seek to improve the advanced practice of nursing; to advocate for legislation and policies which will further the corporation's stated goals;
- (2) To work to remove barriers and gain access to health care for all Floridians;
- (3) To conduct fundraising activities for the production of revenues adequate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (4) To employ staff, consultants, attorneys and accountants to ensure that all regulatory provisions are abided and the goals are achieved;
- (5) To disseminate to the public, civic and governmental organizations and other non-profit and business entities information relating to the purposes of the corporation and such other subjects as may from time to time arise;
- (6) To exercise powers permitted by Florida law for a corporation not for profit;
- (7) To register and function as a ballot initiative political committee pursuant to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the corresponding section of any later adopted statutes if that is determined to become necessary;

(8) To conduct such other related activities permitted to be conducted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### Restrictions

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons; provided, however, 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 in Article III, hereof and to pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of fundraising and carrying out the objectives of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE V**

# <u>Members</u>

The initial members of the corporation shall be the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Other classifications of membership may be established by the bylaws of the corporation and may consist of separate categories of membership, each with different rights and responsibilities.

# **ARTICLE VI**

# Resident Office and Agent

The street address and city of the registered office of the corporation is:

6294 NW Torreya Park Road Bristol, Florida 32321 The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Stan Whittaker.

#### ARTICLE VII

# **Board of Directors**

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors of the corporation shall not be less than three (3) or more than seven (7). The number of Directors shall be established in the bylaws. The bylaws shall provide the process for the selection of Directors; provided, however, that the incorporator shall select the initial Directors. The term of office of Board members shall be determined by the bylaws. Board members shall serve with no compensation; provided, however, the Board of Directors, as provided in the bylaws, may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board members in conjunction with the corporation's business or other approved activities directly related to the corporation's purposes.

The Board of Directors may establish committees as may from time to time be determined necessary as provided in the bylaws.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### Officers

The corporation shall have such Officers as may be provided for in the bylaws. The manner of selection and the duties of the Officers shall also be provided for in the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX

# Indemnification of Officers and Directors

Officers and Directors shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, (including any incurred in appellate proceedings), reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they

may become involved by reason of holding such office as provided in the bylaws. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all Officers and Directors against any such liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as Officers and Directors or arising out of their status as such.

# ARTICLE X

# Non-Stock Basis

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

# **ARTICLE XI**

# Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future United States Internal Revenue law or to the federal, state or local government to be used for exclusively public purposes.

# **ARTICLE XII**

# <u>Amendments</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by majority vote of the Directors as provided in Section 617.1002(1)(b), Florida Statutes, at a meeting called for such purpose.

# **ARTICLE XIII**

# Incorporator

The name and address of the original incorporator of this Corporation is as follows:

> Cindy Drew 811 Franklin Avenue Ellenton, Florida 34222

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator, pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida does hereby make and file in the office of the Secretary of State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation and further certifies that the facts stated herein are true and correct.

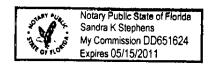
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# **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19th day of April, 2010, by Cindy Drew, who is personally known to me or □ has produced satisfactory evidence (Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_) of identification. WITNESS my hand and seal in the County and State named above on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2010. Notary Public: Sandra K. Stephens
Printed Name

My Commission Expires: 05/15/2011



# ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Stan Whittaker, the Registered Agent named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, by the execution of this acceptance, does hereby agree to abide by the provisions of Section 607.0501, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, with respect to the duties of such registered agent and agrees to maintain normal business hours at the following address: 6294 NW Torreya PK RD, Bristol, Florida 32321.

STAN WHITTAKER

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