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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF****GULF COAST REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED, INC.**

A Florida Non-Profit Corporation

These articles of incorporation are signed by the incorporator for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, as follows:

**ARTICLE I. - NAME**

The name of this corporation is GULF COAST REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED, INC. The principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is 1819 Main Street, Suite 610, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

**ARTICLE II. - PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized and shall be administered and operated exclusively to operate as a political organization within the meaning of Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including the following:

- (a) To engage in political activities in support of candidates and issue advocacy;
- (b) To engage in express advocacy communications; and
- (c) To engage in any and all lawful activities in furtherance of the foregoing purposes for organizations qualifying as "political organizations" under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code except as restricted herein.

**ARTICLE III. - MEMBERSHIP**

The corporation shall have no members.

**ARTICLE IV. - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE V. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of no less than three directors. The board of directors shall be elected or appointed as provided in the bylaws. The initial directors of this corporation shall be:

Cindy Mercurio  
5555 Cape Leyte Dr.  
Sarasota, FL 34242

Sydney Gruters  
1665 Siesta Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34239

Jane Norton  
4648 Stone Ridge Trail  
Sarasota FL 34232

The board of directors shall have the requisite power and authority which is customarily vested in corporate directors over the business and affairs of the corporation.

**ARTICLE VI.  
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The registered office of this corporation shall be: 1819 Main Street, Suite 610, Sarasota, Florida 34236. The registered agent shall be: SAM D. NORTON, ESQ.

**ARTICLE VII. - COMPENSATION**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors or officers, or any individual, but 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 II hereof.

**ARTICLE VIII. - INDEMNIFICATION**

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

**ARTICLE IX. - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Jane Norton  
4648 Stone Ridge Trail  
Sarasota FL 34232

**ARTICLE X - OFFICERS**

The corporation shall be governed by a president, secretary, treasurer and any other officers which may be established by the bylaws of the corporation. The officers will be elected by the directors at the annual meeting in accordance with the bylaws.

**ARTICLE XI. - BYLAWS**

The bylaws of this corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded by the board of directors at any regular or special meeting held in accordance with the bylaws.

**ARTICLE XII. - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These articles of incorporation may be amended from time to time by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present; provided, however, that these articles of incorporation shall not be amended to permit the corporation to engage in any activity prohibited hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporators have has signed these articles of incorporation on October 21, 2010.

  
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JANE NORTON

"INCORPORATOR"

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process at the place designated in the articles, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

DATED: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

  
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SAM D. NORTON, ESQ.

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