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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

#### SUBJECT: Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Foundation, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE 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 Filing Fee & Certified Copy ↓ Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Patricia Duarte

Name (Printed or typed)

425 Office Plaza Drive

Address

Tallahassee, FL 32301

City, State & Zip

850-425-2749

Daytime Telephone number

### duarte\_patricia@fcadv.org

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

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

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#### EXHIBIT A

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

#### FLORIDA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOUNDATION, INC.

Pursuant to Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

#### ARTICLE I NAME, DURATION, PRINCIPAL OFFICE & REGISTERED AGENT

(a) The name of this corporation (the "Corporation") shall be: Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Foundation, Inc.

(b) The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved sooner according to law.

(c) The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation will be located at 425 Office Plaza Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, or at such other address as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

(d) The resident agent of the Corporation is Tiffany Carr, whose address is 425 Office Plaza Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

#### ARTICLEII PURPOSES

(a)The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to support Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation and an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, by accepting contributions for and making distributions to Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any director, trustee or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation and payments and distributions may be made in furtherance of one or more of its purposes); and no director, trustee, officer, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distributions of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

2. 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

3. The Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended or replaced, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code and Regulations as they now exist or they may hereafter be amended or replaced.

4. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose; provided, however, that if Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. is still in existence and is then an organization exempt from taxation within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, the assets of the Corporation shall instead be distributed to Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. 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 corporations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

5. The Corporation is organized pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit and is organized for nonprofit purposes.

#### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no members.

#### ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall at all times have at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors. The number of members of the Board of Directors and election of such members in the future shall be determined as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation. Initially, the Board of Directors shall have three (3) members. The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation to serve until their successors are qualified and elected pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation are:

Columba Bush	425 Office Plaza Drive Tallahassee Florida, 32301
Lorna Taylor	425 Office Plaza Drive Tallahassee Florida, 32301
Ellen Siler	425 Office Plaza Drive Tallahassee Florida, 32301

#### ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Board of Directors from time to time; and the Articles of Amendment may be signed by an officer of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI **BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall adopt such Bylaws for the conduct of the business of the Corporation in carrying out its purpose as the Board of Directors may deem necessary from time to time; provided, however, such Bylaws shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors shall have the power to amend, alter or rescind the Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify the officers, directors, employees and agents of the Corporation to the full extent permitted by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. This indemnification provision shall not be deemed to be exclusive of any other rights to which such officers, directors, employees, and agents may be entitled under the Bylaws, any agreement with the Corporation, any insurance maintained by the Corporation, or otherwise.

Having been named as registered agent to the 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

re of Registered Agent Signat

Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any a false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree

felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Required Signature of Incorporator

Date