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SUBJECT: NPACT for the Blind, 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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FROM: Corey Mayerlen
Name (Printed or typed)

14476 Duval Place West, Suite 109
Address

Jacksonville, FL 32218
City, State & Zip

904-297-3122 ext 7010
Daytime Telephone number

corey@npactamerica.org
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
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

The undersigned incorporator, a natural person 18 years of age or older, in order to form a corporate entity under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act adopts the following articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE I
NAME/REGISTERED OFFICE

The name of this Corporation shall be: Npact for the Blind, Inc. The Corporation's registered office is located at: 14476 Duval Place West, Suite 109, Jacksonville, FL 32218. The Corporation's mailing address shall be the same.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

The Corporation is intended to be a not for profit, non-political, non-sectarian charitable Corporation, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations and acting as a public benefit Corporation within the definition of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act. The Corporation is established for the benefit of individuals and citizens who are blind or visually impaired, wherever they may reside. The Corporation is specifically empowered to undertake all lawful activities and endeavors in furtherance and fulfillment of the following stated purposes:

- a. To promote the general welfare of all citizens who are blind or visually impaired, regardless of their age, handicap, or condition;
- b. To foster the development of community employment, education, training, and management support services to individuals and Corporations engaged in the provision of employment or education services to persons who are blind or visually impaired;
- c. To encourage research;
- d. To advise and aid blind or visually impaired individuals, families and professional organizations in the coordination of efforts made on their behalf;
- e. To cooperate and associate with all public, private and religious agencies and professional groups toward the furtherance of these objectives and ends;
- f. To develop, own, operate manufacturing or services, information and related educational systems and facilities with the goal of teaching job skills, training and employing primarily blind or visually impaired individuals and providing stipends, wages, and benefits for these individuals comparable to those received by those employed in similar industrial or education endeavors wherever they may reside;
- g. To provide other professional management functions as may be necessary to assure that individuals who are blind or visually impaired and their selected support service providers receive the necessary supports to facilitate the integration of persons who are blind or visually impaired into the workforce;

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- h. To provide technical assistance and professional best practice consulting services in the areas of human resources; quality assurance; financial and business practices; information technologies; facility design and management; project management; legal and regulatory practices; and other technical services as may be necessary from time to time;
- i. To solicit and receive funds, and enter into contracts, for the establishment and accomplishment of these stated purposes;

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS/MEMBERS

The corporation shall have no voting members. The management and affairs of the corporation shall be at all times under the direction of a Board of Directors, whose operations in governing the corporation shall be defined by statute and by the corporation's by-laws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation. The manner by which Directors are appointed is stated in the adopted bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV INITIAL DIRECTORS

The corporation has been established without members, governance and control being vested in a board of directors. The initial interim board of directors shall consist of three (3) persons as follows, and subject to further action of the then-appointed board:

Name:	Address:	Title:
Sigmund Mayerlen	13333 Good Woods Way Jacksonville, FL 32226	President
Harold White	12709 Aqua Surf Lane Jacksonville, FL 32225	Secretary
Tommie Hall	6513 Haslett Drive North Jacksonville, FL 32277	Treasurer

ARTICLE V LIMITATIONS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any Director or officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that the corporation shall pay for services actually rendered to the

corporation, or allowed by the corporation as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation;

2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; and

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.

4. The corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or director of this corporation unless such loan program is regularly conducted as part of the activities of the organization and the qualification of the individual to participate in same is determined by a panel comprised solely of non-Board members, or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this corporation.

ARTICLE VI DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION

Upon the time of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, 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 VIII
REGISTERED AGENT**

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The registered agent of this corporation is:

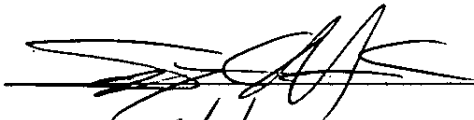
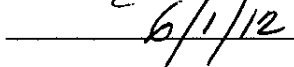
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**ARTICLE IX
INCORPORATOR**

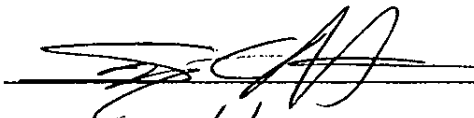
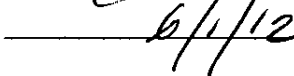
The incorporator of this corporation is:

Sigmund Corey Mayerlen 14476 Duval Place West, Suite 109,
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Having been named as the registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in the certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as register agent and agree to act in this capacity.

 Signature
 Date

The undersigned incorporator certifies both that he executes these Articles for the purposes herein stated, and that by such execution, he affirms the understanding that should any of the information in these Articles be intentionally or knowingly misstated, he is subject to the criminal penalties for perjury set forth in the Florida Statutes as if this document had been executed under oath.

 Signature
 Date