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SUBJECT: TOGETHER WE STAND, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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FROM: John Mears  
Name (Printed or typed)

5801 SW 54 AVE  
Address

Davie FL 33314  
City, State & Zip

954-275-4055  
Daytime Telephone number

JOHN@MEARSAUTO.COM  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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September 26, 2012

JOHN MEARS  
5801 SW 54 AVE  
DAVIE, FL 33314

SUBJECT: TOGETHER WE STAND, INC.  
Ref. Number: W12000049524

We have received your document for TOGETHER WE STAND, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The address given for the principal address is not consistent in your document. Please correct accordingly.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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Pamela Smith  
Regulatory Specialist II

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

#### 1.01 Name

The name of this corporation shall be **Together We Stand, Inc.** The business of the corporation may be conducted as **Together We Stand, Inc.**

## ARTICLE II

### DURATION

#### 2.01 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

## ARTICLE III

### PURPOSE

#### 3.01 Purpose

**Together We Stand, Inc.** is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. **Together We Stand, Inc.'s** purpose is to provide an educational environment that showcases the naturally occurring symbiotic relationships of the world around us and to apply eco-friendly technologies and practical information to educate and benefit individuals, students, families, and communities.

To maximize our impact on current efforts, we may seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations which fall under the 501(c)(3) section of the internal revenue code and are operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

At times, per the discretion of the board of directors, we may provide internships or volunteer opportunities which will provide opportunities for involvement in said activities and programs in order to have a greater impact for change.

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### **3.02 Public Benefit**

**Together We Stand, Inc.** is designated as a public benefit corporation.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **NON-PROFIT NATURE**

#### **4.01 Non-profit Nature**

**Together We Stand, Inc.** is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of **Together We Stand, Inc.** shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that 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 the purpose clause hereof.

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

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Together We Stand, Inc.** is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and charitable purposes. No part of the directors, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

#### **4.02 Personal Liability**

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of **Together We Stand, Inc.** of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

#### **4.03 Dissolution**

Upon termination or dissolution of the **Together We Stand, Inc.**, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of the **Together We Stand, Inc.** hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the managing body of the **Together We Stand, Inc.** and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against the **Together We Stand, Inc.** by one (1) or more of its managing body which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonably indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed, giving preference if practicable to organizations located within the State of Florida.

In the event that the court shall find that this section is applicable but that there is no qualifying organization known to it which has a charitable purpose, which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to this corporation, then the court shall direct the distribution of its assets lawfully available for distribution to the Treasurer of the State of Florida to be added to the general fund.

#### **4.04 Prohibited Distributions**

No part of the net earnings, properties of the directors of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, except that 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, Section 3.01.

#### **4.05 Restricted Activities**

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### **4.06 Prohibited Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (I) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (II) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **5.01 Governance**

**Together We Stand, Inc.** shall be governed by its board of directors. The manner in which directors are elected or appointed is as provided for by the bylaws.

#### **5.02 Initial Directors**

The initial directors of the corporation shall be

**John D. Mears, 5801 SW 54 Avenue, Davie, FL 33314**

**Anna M. Mears, 5801 SW 54 Avenue, Davie, FL 33314**

**Cheryl W. Kraus, 18354 NW 12 Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029**

**Michael D. Kraus, 18354 NW 12 Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029**

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **6.01 Membership**

Together We Stand, Inc. shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

#### **7.01 Amendments**

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION**

#### **8.01 Corporate Address**

The physical address of the corporation is:

Together We Stand, Inc.  
5801 SW 54 Avenue  
Davie, FL 33314

The mailing address of the corporation is:

Together We Stand, Inc.  
5801 SW 54 Avenue  
Davie, FL 33314

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## ARTICLE IX

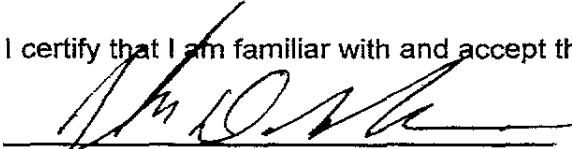
### Appointment of registered agent

#### 9.01 Registered Agent

The registered agent of the corporation shall be:

John D. Mears  
5801 SW 54 Avenue  
Davie, FL 33314

I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of registered agent:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John D. Mears

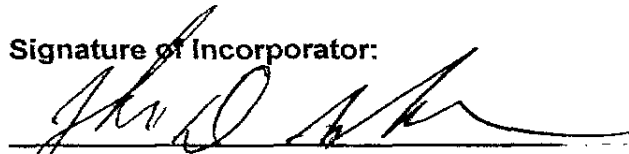
## ARTICLE X

### INCORPORATOR

The incorporator of the corporation is as follow:

John D. Mears  
5801 SW 54 Avenue  
Davie, FL 33314

Signature of Incorporator:

  
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John D. Mears

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## Certificate of Adoption of Articles of Incorporation

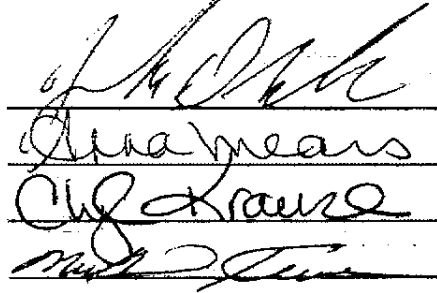
We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above stated Articles of Incorporation of **Together We Stand Inc.** were approved by the board of directors on **October 15, 2012** and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of the **Together We Stand, Inc.**

John D. Mears

Anna Mears

Cheryl Krauss

Michael Krauss



### Acknowledgment of consent to appointment as registered agent

I, **John D. Mears**, agree to be the registered agent for **Together We Stand, Inc.** as appointed herein.

Registered Agent

Date: 10/01/2012

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