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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: DeFuniak Business & Professional Association, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00 \$78.75 \$\$87.50 \$\$Filing Fee & Filing Fee & Filing Fee, & Certificate of Status

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\*\*ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Mark D. Davis

Name (Printed or typed)

694 Baldwin Avenue

Address

DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

City, State & Zip

850-892-5838

Daytime Telephone number

mdd@defuniaklaw.com

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 OF DEFUNIAK BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC., (A Not Profit Corporation)

In compliance with the requirements of F.S. Chapter 617, the undersigned hereby acts as an incorporator in adopting and filing the following articles of incorporation for Not for Profit corporation.

#### **ARTICLE I -NAME**

The name of the Corporation is: **DEFUNIAK BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.** 

#### ARTICLE II-PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the principal office of the Corporation is: 261 Shady Creek Lane, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435.

The mailing address of the Corporation is: Post Office Box 219, DeFuniak Springs, Florida. 32435.

#### **ARTICLE III-PURPOSE**

The Purpose for which the corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational purposes, and for including such purposes as the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code. This corporation shall be a nonprofit corporation. More specifically, this organization is established to promote unity among the businesses of the city of DeFuniak Springs for new and existing businesses; to support activities and events which have mutual benefit to the business community; and to provide opportunity to meet and discuss items in the best interest of, or concern to, the businesses of the city of DeFuniak Springs; to promote, maintain and create a favorable climate in the city of DeFuniak Springs for new and existing businesses; to promote business to business interactions; to promote and coordinate business and community interaction; to promote community involvement with local businesses; and, to do all other things permitted by law for Business and Professional Associations.

#### ARTICLE IV-MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V- INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

The initial board of directors shall consist of twelve members. This number may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Corporation's bylaws, but shall never be less than five.

The names and addresses of the persons who will serve on the initial board of directors and as officers are:

Names Addresses

Sara Comander, President 261 Shady Creek Lane

DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435

Angie Willoughby, Vice President 756 Baldwin Avenue

DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435

Carolyn Mora, Secretary 30 Anderson Street

DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433

Carla Hulion, Treasurer 475 Blue Pond Lane

Ponce de Leon, Florida 32455

#### ARTICLE VI-NON-PROFIT STATUS AND STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

No shares of stock shall be issued by this corporation. No part of the net earnings, gains, or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, directors, 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 to further the charitable and educational purposes for which this corporation is organization is organized and which are consistent Section 501( C )( 3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code. 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 relating to, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

The Corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and agents to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### ARTICLE VII-INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The name and street address of the person signing these articles of incorporation is:

Name

<u>Address</u>

Mark D. Davis

694 Baldwin Avenue, Suite 1

DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435

## ARTICLE – VIII- INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the person signing these articles of incorporation is:

Name

**Address** 

Sara Comander, President

261 Shady Creek Lane

DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435

Having been named as registered agent to 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

Sara Comander

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Incorporator

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any 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.

Sara Comander

Incorporator

160. 16,20

Date

# ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for DEFUNIAK BUSINESS & PROPFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC., at the place designated in the articles of incorporation; the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to F.S. 607.0501.

Mark D. Davis, Attorney at Law

Registered Agent