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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN IN POLITICS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, INC. 13 AUG 28 AM II: 25 A CORPORATION, NOT FOR PROFIT

The undersigned individual, desiring to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, subscribes to the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1.1. The name of the Corporation shall be The Institute for Women in Politics of Northwest Florida, Inc. The street address and mailing address of the initial principal office of the Corporation shall be 29 East Wright Street, Pensacola, Florida 32501.

# ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

Section 2.1. The Corporation shall be organized to provide a nonprofit education, training resources, and counseling services to promote and fulfill the vital need for women to serve at all levels of government in the Florida counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa.

The Corporation shall transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act and distribute the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes, either directly or--by contributions--to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto, as currently existing or as may be amended.

Section 2.2. The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster or attain of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations, as currently existing or as may be amended.

Section 2.3. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation in effecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation.

<u>Section 2.4.</u> 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 or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign for any candidate running for public office.

<u>Section 2.5.</u> The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

<u>Section 2.6.</u> The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 2.7. The Corporation shall retain no excess business holdings, as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 2.8. The Corporation shall make no investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 2.9. The Corporation shall make no taxable expenditures, as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 2.10. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its regulations as currently existing or as may be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as currently existing or as may be amended.

### **ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP**

<u>Section 3.1.</u> The membership of the Corporation shall be open exclusively to all individuals age eighteen (18) and older.

## ARTICLE 4 – TERM OF EXISTENCE AND COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

<u>Section 4.1.</u> This Corporation shall have perpetual existence. The date for commencement of this Corporation's existence shall be the date these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Florida Secretary of State.

#### **ARTICLE 5 – INCORPORATOR**

<u>Section 5.1.</u> The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Diane Mack 29 East Wright Street Pensacola, Florida 32501

### ARTICLE 6 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6.1. The affairs of this Corporation not for profit shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The directors shall be elected to three-year-terms in an election as defined in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The directors shall have full power to elect directors to fill vacancies in office, or to fill the office of any director who may resign, die, become disabled, or refuse to act. The majority vote of the directors present at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be sufficient for the taking of any action within the power of the Corporation, except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, the corporate Bylaws or by law.

Section 6.2. This Corporation shall have seven (7) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws but shall never be fewer than seven (7) nor over fifteen (15). The names and addresses of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

Kimberly Aguiar 1018 Polk Avenue Pensacola, FL 32507

Kim Kirschenfeld 13 Seashore Drive Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

Amy Miller 4640 Johnny's Way Milton, FL 32583

Lola Presley 1010 North M Street Pensacola, FL 3250 Amanda Jo Combs-Bowden

1549 Joseph Circle Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

Diane Mack 121 Mango Street Pensacola, FL 32503

Lorraine Ogan 5865 Arch Avenue Pensacola, FL 32526

## **ARTICLE 7 – AMENDMENT**

Section 7.1. The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the directors and officers of the Corporation are subject to this reservation.

# **ARTICLE 8 - BYLAWS**

Section 8.1. The Bylaws of the Corporation may be made, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors in the manner provided for by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE 9 – DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION

Section 9.1. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational organizations that would at that time qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as currently existing or as may be amended.

Section 9.2. No member, director or officer of the Corporation, nor any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE 10 – REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

Section 10.1. The street address of the registered office of this Corporation shall be 29 East Wright Street, Pensacola, FL 32501, and the name of the registered agent of this Corporation at that address shall be Diane Mack.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned incorporator of The Institute for Women in Politics of Northwest Florida, Inc. have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date set forth to form this Corporation not for profit under the laws of Florida.

DIANE MACK

DATE: August 26, 2013

# **REGISTERED AGENT ACCEPTANCE**

I hereby accept the foregoing designation as registered agent of The Institute for Women in Politics of Northwest Florida, Inc. I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of such designation.