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COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT:

Every Child Counts Foundation, Inc.

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a money order for:

\$87.50 - Filing Fee, Certified Copy and Certificate

FROM:

Latosha Deanne Woodard 5569 Summerland Hills Drive

Lakeland, FL 33812 (813) 502-3959

E-mail address: DeanneWoodard70@gmail.com



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Every Child Counts Foundation, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal street address:

Mailing address, if different is:

5569 Summerland Hills Drive

2161 County Road 540A, #172

Lakeland, FL 33812

Lakeland, FL 33813

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized include, but are not limited to:

- A) Raise awareness about issues affecting youth in foster care in the state of Florida and nationwide; provide educational, housing and transportation grants/scholarships to both youth in care and those who have aged out of care up to age 23; provide access to job-training and job-placement opportunities for youth both in care and those who have aged out of care up to age 23; provide college-prep and student success workshops for youth both in care and those aging out of care who desire to attend an institution of higher education.
- B) Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and/or scientific purposes, included 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.
- C) No part of the net earnings of the corporation 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 Article Third hereof.
- D) 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 these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors and officers are elected and appointed:

- A) Directors will be elected by majority vote after candidates submit an application and resume, and participate in an interview conducted by the sitting CEO/President and Board of Directors members.
- B) In the event a sitting Director resigns his/her position before his/her term has ended, the remaining Directors may nominate and appoint an Interim Director to complete the resigning Director's term.
- C) Directors will serve a two (2) year term which can be renewed at the end of each term by nomination and majority vote.
- D) The Board of Directors will not exceed seven (7) Directors.
- E) The Executive Officers will include the CEO/President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Executive Officers will be selected and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors each year. Executive Officers, with the exception of the President/CEO, may also serve as Directors with voting privileges.

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title:

Latosha Deanne Woodard, CEO/President

Address:

5569 Summerland Hills Drive

Lakeland, FL 33812

Name and Title:

Oziemar Woodard, Chairman of the Board of Directors/Vice President

Address:

5569 Summerland Hills Drive

Lakeland, FL 33812

Name and Title:

Barbara Gallon Woodard, Director/Treasurer

Address:

5569 Summerland Hills Drive

Lakeland, FL 33812

Name and Title:

Alexandria Louise Hodge, Director/Secretary

Address:

2614 Atwood Glen Lane Houston, TX 77014

ARTICLE VI DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas 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.

REGISTERED AGENT ARTICLE VII

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name:

Latosha Deanne Woodard

Address:

5569 Summerland Hills Drive

Lakeland, FL 33812

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name:

Latosha Deanne Woodard

Address:

5569 Summerland Hills Drive

Lakeland, FL 33812

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.

Required Signature of Registered Agent

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.