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April 9, 2014

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

RE: Articles of Incorporation for

Big Bend Healthcare Coalition, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the Big Bend Healthcare Coalition, Inc., and a check for \$87.50 to cover the filing fee, a certified copy, and a certificate of status.

These Articles of Incorporation and check are being submitted by:

Anthony J. Ettore
Disasters, Strategies, & Ideas Group, LLC
2050 Capital Circle NE, Suite D
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
850-385-4013
tony@dsideas.com

Please contact me directly if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely.

J. Ettore

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cc: BBHCC Board of Directors

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is the **Big Bend Healthcare Coalition**, **Inc.**, a Florida not-for-profit corporation organized under and in full compliance with Chapter 617, <u>Florida Statutes</u>. The corporation shall be referred to herein as the BBHCC.

## **ARTICLE II - ADDRESS**

The principal mailing and street address of BBHCC is:

c/o Disasters, Strategies, & Ideas Group, LLC 2050 Capital Circle NE, Suite D Tallahassee, Florida 32308

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### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

Consistent with Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the purpose of the nonprofit BBHCC is to develop and promote healthcare emergency preparedness and response capabilities in the following Florida counties: Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla. The BBHCC has been formed at the direction of the Florida Department of Health, pursuant to various federal grants, to establish healthcare coalitions throughout the state. The BBHCC is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, governmental, and scientific 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### ARTICLE IV – DIRECTORS

The individuals on the initial Board of Directors of the BBHCC were selected by the general membership of the BBHCC at its initial meeting. Additional Directors have since been suggested by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership electronically. The full Board of Directors of the BBHCC consists of eleven members that are representative of the general membership both geographically and by discipline within the healthcare field.

### ARTICLE V - CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the BBHCC shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the BBHCC 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 or in opposition to 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 the 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### ARTICLE VI – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the BBHCC any assets shall be distributed 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 VII – REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent for the BBHCC is:

Anthony J. Ettore Disasters, Strategies, & Ideas Group, LLC 2050 Capital Circle NE, Suite D Tallahassee, Florida 32308

# <u>ARTICLE VIII – INCORPORATOR</u>

The incorporator of the BBHCC is:

Anthony J. Ettore Disasters, Strategies, & Ideas Group, LLC 2050 Capital Circle NE, Suite D Tallahassee, Florida 32308 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.

Anthony J. Kittore

Date

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 Section 817.155, F.S.

Anthony J/Fittore

Date

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