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

SUBJECT: RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND INCORPORATED
(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
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Donald P. Perdue
Name (Printed or typed)

2845 Morning Glory Circle
Address

Davie, Florida 33328
City, State & Zip

(954) - 423- 4286
Daytime Telephone number

russchard@att.net
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND INCORPORATED**

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

The undersigned, a natural person over the age of eighteen years, hereby certifies as follows:

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of the corporation is **RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND INCORPORATED**, (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II — REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at: **1235 Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida 33020**. The name and address in the Corporation's initial agent for service of process is: **Russell R. Chard, 1235 Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida 33020**.

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for non-profit purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The specific purposes of the Corporation are to raise funds for and pay legal expenses in defending the rights of pension beneficiaries afforded to them by the Constitution and laws of Florida or bringing litigation to ensure the pension rights and benefits are protected.

The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual, nor shall any of the profits or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV — MANNER OF ELECTION

A committee of ten members representing retiree/beneficiaries of the Hollywood Firefighters Pension Fund shall select from the retirees or their beneficiaries of the Pension Fund three members and appoint them to serve as Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V — INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: **Thomas Karl, Director**

Address: **741 Tyler Street, Hollywood, FL 33019**

Name and Title: **Joseph Gambino, Director**

Address: **2880 S.W. 86th Way, Davie, FL 33328**

Name and Title: **Norman Rechtman, Director**

Address: **10741 N.W. 18th Court, Plantation, FL 33322**

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ARTICLE VI — REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Name: **Russell R. Chard**

Address: **1235 Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida 33020**

ARTICLE VII — INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: **Donald P. Perdue**

Address: **2845 Morning Glory Circle, Davie, Florida 33328**

ARTICLE VIII — EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

1. 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 Three hereof.
2. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. 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 V — DURATION / DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual. In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by the operation of law, the property or other assets of the Corporation remaining after the payment, satisfaction, and discharge of liabilities or obligations, 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.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this 1st day of Aug. 2014.

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.

Russell R. Chish

8/1/2014

Required Signature of Registered Agent

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 s.817.155, F.S.

Donald P. Perdue

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Required Signature of Incorporator

Date

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