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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### **OF**

### LAKE WALES FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL, INC.

(a Florida Not For Profit Corporation)

The undersigned hereby organizes a not for profit corporation under the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, pursuant to the following Articles of Incorporation:

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation is LAKE WALES FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL, INC. (hereinafter the "Corporation").

# ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is 230 North 5th Street, Lake Wales, Florida 33853.

## ARTICLE III CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized for the corporate purposes set forth herein, pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Section 617, Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE IV PURPOSES

- A. To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.
- B. To operate for any other purposes as may be stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation, or otherwise approved by the Board of Directors from time to time so long as they are within the purposes set forth in paragraph A. of this Article.

## ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of Directors of the corporation shall be as set forth in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than the minimum amount required by applicable law for a non-profit corporation. The term of office, method of election, duties, and authority of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI MEMBERS

The qualifications for members, the manner of their admission, and their rights shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

### ARTICLE VII POWERS

This Corporation shall have all the powers given to a not for profit corporation by the Florida Statutes, to the extent consistent with these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Code Section 501(c)(3).

#### ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation are: WENDY CONNER, 230 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Lake Wales, Florida 33853.

# ARTICLE IX INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall 230 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Lake Wales, Florida 33853. The initial Registered Agent at such address shall be WENDY CONNER.

#### ARTICLE X DURATION

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing upon filing.

#### ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation shall indemnify any Officer, Director or Member, or any former Officer, Director or Member, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### ARTICLE XII BYLAWS

The initial Board of Directors shall adopt initial Bylaws of the Corporation. The power to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws, or to adopt new Bylaws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE XIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 its charitable purpose as set forth in Article IV above. 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 publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, the Corporation shall not conduct any activities not permitted to be carried on, (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Code Section 501(c)(3), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2). Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

# ARTICLE XIV DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON LIQUIDATION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes with in the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state of 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 exempt purposes within the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3) or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### ARTICLE XV **DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational and charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Board of Directors of the Corporation as set forth in the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator and Registered Agent has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 13 th day of November, 2014, and acknowledged that she is familiar with, and accepts the appointment and obligations of Registered Agent of this Corporation, and agrees to act in that capacity.

NER, Incorporator, and Registered