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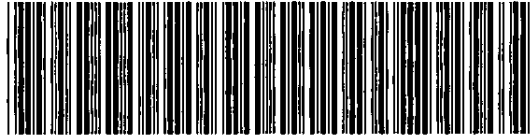
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** LAKE WALES MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: ROBERT CONNORS  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

3311 HARBOR BEACH DR  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

LAKE WALES, FL 33859  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

863-632-0878  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

rconnorsrealtor@gmail.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**LAKE WALES MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

***I. NAME***

The name of the Corporation is **LAKE WALES MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, INC.**

***II. PURPOSES AND POWERS***

The purposes of the Corporation:

- A. To educate and serve as a public resource; share knowledge of Florida's history; support, manage and promote a public museum in Lake Wales, Florida; and conduct such other activities as may help to fulfill these goals.
- B. To co-operate and co-ordinate with other non-profit, for profit, or governmental entities striving for the same purposes as above.
- C. To receive, maintain and accept, as assets of the corporation, any property, whether real, personal, or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, devise or purchase, from any person, firm, trust or corporation, to be held, administered and disposed of in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation; but no gift, bequest, devise or purchase of any such property shall be received or made and accepted if it is conditioned or limited in such a manner as shall require the disposition of income or principal to any organization other than a "charitable organization" or for any purpose other than "charitable purposes" within the respective meanings of such quoted terms as defined herein, or which would jeopardize the Federal Income Tax exemption of this corporation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or acts in amendment thereof or substitution therefore.

### ***III. DEFINITIONS***

In these Articles of incorporation and in any amendments to it:

- A. The terms "charitable organizations" or "charitable organization" shall mean corporations, or other entities formed under United States law, and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which do not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The organizations described in this Article shall be such only as are entitled to exemption from income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986, or acts in amendments thereof or substitution therefore.
- B. The term "charitable purposes" shall be limited to only religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986, or as amended.

### ***IV. MEMBERSHIP***

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are provided for in the Bylaws of the corporation.

### ***V. TERM OF EXISTENCE***

The corporation is to exist perpetually.

### ***VI. STREET ADDRESS***

The street address of the corporation is 325 South Scenic Hwy, Lake Wales, Florida 33853 and the mailing address of the corporation is P.O. Box 323 Lake Wales, Florida 33859.

### ***VII. REGISTERED AGENT***

The Registered Agent for the corporation is Jessica Bray and her address is 33 N. Lakeshore Blvd, Lake Wales, Florida 33853

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### ***VIII. DIRECTORS***

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors and shall consist of no less than three (3) members and no more than fifteen (15) members. The Board shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons with their addresses shown:

Jessica Bray  
33 North Lakeshore Blvd.  
Lake Wales, FL 33853

Robert Connors  
3311 Harbor Beach Dr  
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Lee A. Wheeler III  
868 Tartan Loop  
Lake Wales, FL 33853

Richard Thompson  
325 Scenic Hwy  
Lake Wales, FL 33898

Chauncey D. Cowles IV  
31 Oak Street  
Babson Park, FL 33827

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### ***IX OFFICERS***

The affairs of the corporation are to be set by the Board of Directors and carried out by a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors determines.

### ***X INCORPORATORS***

The name and street address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is Robert Connors, 3311 Harbor Beach DR, FL 33859

### ***XI AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES AND BYLAWS***

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, alter, and rescind the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members.

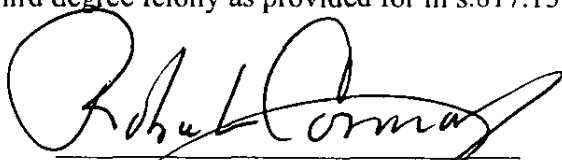
## **XII NONPROFIT CHARACTER**

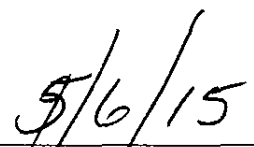
- A. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

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. 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. 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.

GIVEN by the undersigned subscriber on May 06, 2015

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.

  
Robert Connors, Incorporator

  
Date

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**REGISTERED AGENT**

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.

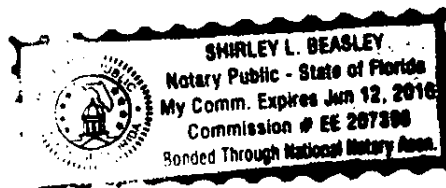
Jessica Bray  
Jessica Bray, Registered Agent

May 6, 2015  
Date

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me in Polk County, Florida, on May 6, 2015 by Robert Connors, personally known to me.

Shirley L. Beasley  
Notary Public



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