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SUBJECT: Growth and Development Foundation, 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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☐ \$78.75
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Charles R. Gardner

Name (Printed or typed)

1300 Thomaswood Drive

Address

Tallahassee, FL 32308

City, State & Zip

850-385-0070

Daytime Telephone number

charles@gbwlegal.com

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

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

**Articles of Incorporation
of
Growth and Development Foundation, Inc.**

Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Incorporator hereby files these Articles of Incorporation to form a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I
Name**

The name of the corporation is Growth and Development Foundation, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
Purpose**

The Corporation shall be a Not For Profit Corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

It shall be organized and at all times thereafter operated, exclusively for public charitable uses and purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The general purposes for which the Corporation is formed, include without limitation, to operate for educational purposes and for other charitable purposes.

The specific purposes for which the Corporation is formed shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (a) To educate, teach, foster, and promote the importance of education, proper nutrition, and physical health to young adults;
- (b) To educate, teach, foster, and promote better race relations among young adults;
- (c) To educate and teach young adults social skills and how to become responsible and productive citizens in society; and
- (d) To educate, teach, foster, and promote sensitivity, understanding, and coexistence by and among young adults regardless the part of the world from where they come or the family, socio-economic environment, or religious belief into which they were born and reared.

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The Corporation shall have full power and authority:

- (a) To see, accept and receive gifts, grants, contributions, dues and bequests of real and personal property;
- (b) To hold, invest, reinvest and expend such funds and properties so received for such purposes;
- (c) To borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the objects of its business; and
- (d) Within and subject to the limitations of § 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to perform all other acts necessary or incidental to the above and to do whatever is deemed necessary, useful, advisable, or conducive, directly or indirectly, to carry out any of the purposes of the Corporation, as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation including the exercise of all other power and authority enjoyed by corporations generally by virtue of the provisions of the Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

The Corporation shall serve only such purposes and functions and shall engage only in such activities as are consistent with the purposes set forth in this article and as are exclusively charitable and are entitled to charitable status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Corporation shall be neither organized nor operated for pecuniary gain or profit. Moreover:

(a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any member, director, officer, or trustee of the Corporation, or any other private person; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in this article.

(b) 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 any candidate for public office.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- (i) By a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which is other than a private foundation within the meaning of § 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; or
- (ii) By a corporation, contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes under § 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code .

It is intended that the Corporation shall have, and continue to have, the status of an organization which is exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the

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Internal Revenue Code and which is other than a private foundation within the meaning of §509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. All terms and provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation, and all authority and operations of the Corporation, shall be construed, applied and carried out in accordance with such intent.

ARTICLE III Members

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the power to admit members to the Corporation in such manner, subject to such qualifications, and upon such terms and conditions and with such rights and privileges, other than voting, as may be provided from time to time in the Bylaws of the Corporation and as are not inconsistent with any provision of these Articles of Incorporation. Members may be divided into one or more classes. Individuals, public organizations, and private incorporated and unincorporated associations interested in the objectives and purposes of the Corporation shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV Directors

The initial Directors of the corporation are:

J. Leonard Hamilton
1255 Sherrill Court
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Joseph L. Camps, Jr.
3800 Bobbin Brook Circle
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Ken Cashin
P.O. Box 2442
Tallahassee, Florida 32316

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Additional Directors of the corporation shall be elected as set forth in the corporation's by-laws and shall serve until their successors are elected. Until by-laws have been adopted, additional directors shall be elected as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or any statute adopted in succession thereof.

ARTICLE V Reservation of Assets

The assets of the Corporation are hereby irrevocably dedicated to charitable use; accordingly, in the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in § 501(c)(3) and § 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose(s).

**ARTICLE VI
Amendments to Articles**

These articles may be amended as set forth in the by-laws of the corporation. Until by-laws have been adopted, these articles may be amended as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or any statute adopted in succession thereof.

**ARTICLE VII
Principal Office**

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is at 1300 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

**ARTICLE VIII
Incorporator**

The name and street address of the Incorporator of this Corporation are as follows:

Charles R. Gardner
1300 Thomaswood Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

**ARTICLE IX
Address of Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The street address of the initial Registered Office of this Corporation in the State of Florida shall be 1300 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

The name of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation at the above address shall be Charles R. Gardner.

The Board of Directors may from time to time change the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida or change the Registered Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscribing Incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20th day of August, 2015.



Charles R. Gardner, Incorporator

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, CHARLES R. GARDNER, who is personally known to me and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth and expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 20th day of August, 2015.



Catherine L. Betzoldt
Notary Public
State of Florida at Large

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

In compliance with Sections 617.0501 and 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted

Growth and Development Foundation, Inc., desiring to organize as a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 1300 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308 as its Registered Office and has named Charles R. Gardner, located at said address as its initial Registered Agent.

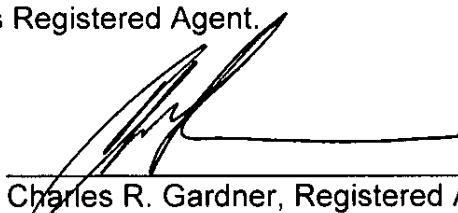


Charles R. Gardner, Incorporator

Date: August 20, 2015

Having been named Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the above-stated Registered Office, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment and agrees to act in this capacity.

The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of his duties and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of his position as Registered Agent.



Charles R. Gardner, Registered Agent

Date: August 20, 2015

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