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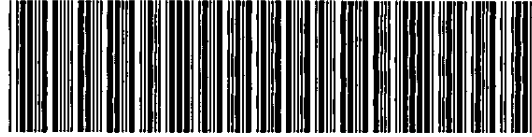
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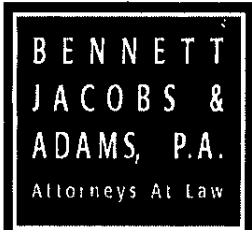
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RE: Center for Advancement of Family Enterprise Excellence, Inc.
BJA File No.: 2015-16611

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. **Original** and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Center for Advancement of Family Enterprise Excellence, Inc., and
2. A check in the amount of \$78.75 payable to "Division of Corporations" for filing fee and a certified copy.

Please do the following:

1. File the original Articles of Incorporation, prepare a certified copy of same, and send the certified copy to the undersigned by regular mail
2. If you have any questions or further requirements with respect to these enclosures, please retain them pending your immediate telephonic contact with the undersigned.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
BENNETT, JACOBS & ADAMS, P.A.

John F. Wendel

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SUBJECT: CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF FAMILY ENTERPRISE
EXCELLENCE, INC.
Ref. Number: W15000072195

We have received your document for CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF FAMILY ENTERPRISE EXCELLENCE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

If your business entity does not intend to transact business until January 1st of the upcoming calendar year, you may wish to revise your document to include an effective date of January 1st. If you do not list an effective date of January 1st, your business entity will become effective this calendar year and it will be required to file an annual report and pay the required annual report fee for the upcoming calendar year this coming January, which is merely weeks away. By listing an effective date of January 1st, the entity's existence will not begin until January 1st of the upcoming year and will, therefore, postpone the entity's requirement to file an annual report and pay the required annual report filing fee until the following calendar year.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Valerie Herring
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF FAMILY ENTERPRISE EXCELLENCE, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator, to form a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I.
NAME**

The name of the corporation is **CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF FAMILY ENTERPRISE EXCELLENCE, INC.**

**ARTICLE II.
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The existence of the corporation shall commence on the date on which the Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State.

**ARTICLE III.
PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation and the mailing address of the corporation is 1500 Sixth Street, NW, Winter Haven, Florida 33881.

**ARTICLE IV.
PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized and shall operate exclusively for charitable, educational, and religious purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code. Consistent with such limitations, the purposes of the corporation shall include the providing of education, guidance, and resources for the development and success of family-owned enterprises. Forums, lectures, meetings, panel discussions, seminars, training courses, and other activities designed to achieve the purposes of the corporation may be offered by the corporation. Further, the corporation may also raise, receive, and maintain a fund or funds for the acquisition of real property and/or personal property for any one or more of the purposes of the corporation and for any one or more lawful purposes and within the scope of the purposes of the corporation.

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ARTICLE V. MEMBERS

The method of selecting and admitting members, the criteria for membership, the classification of members, the designation of such class or classes of members, the qualifications, limitations, and rights of the members of each class, the quorum and voting requirements for meetings and activities of members, and the notice requirements sufficient to provide notice of meetings and activities of members shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no policy whatsoever providing for any form of discrimination against any person based on race, color, or religion.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The business and property of the corporation shall be managed solely and exclusively by a board of trustees which shall have full and absolute control over the affairs of the corporation and shall be authorized to exercise all of the corporate powers of the corporation. The board of trustees shall carry out the purposes of the corporation in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the corporation. The number of trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time and at any time by the board of trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the corporation, but there shall never be less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) trustees. The board of trustees shall consist of three (3) classes which three (3) classes shall be designated Class I, Class II, and Class III, respectively.

Class I shall never be comprised of more than three (3) members of the board of trustees nor less than one (1) member of the board of trustees.

Class II shall never be comprised of more than three (3) members of the board of trustees nor less than one (1) member of the board of trustees.

Class III shall never be comprised of more than three (3) members of the board of trustees nor less than one (1) member of the board of trustees.

The initial, respective terms of Class I, Class II, and Class III, shall expire (as to Class I only) at the first (the 2016 annual meeting of the board of trustees of the corporation), (as to Class II only) at the second (the 2017 annual meeting of the board of trustees of the corporation), and (as to Class III only) at the third (the 2018 annual meeting of the board of trustees of the corporation) next immediately following annual meetings of the board of trustees of the corporation.

Upon the expiration of the term of each member of the board of trustees, the board of trustees of the corporation shall elect a successor trustee. Each successor trustee and all subsequent trustees shall serve for a term of three (3) years and shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified. No trustee shall serve for more than three (3)

complete consecutive three (3)-year terms. The board of trustees of the corporation shall elect trustees and shall fill any vacancy caused by the expiration of a trustee's term of office or by a trustee's death, resignation, or removal from office at any annual, regular, or special meeting of the board of trustees of the corporation. Each trustee elected to fill any vacancies caused by a trustee's death, resignation, or removal shall serve for the balance of the term of the trustee who is being replaced. Trustees shall not be compensated for the performance of their duties as trustees, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as trustees as determined by the board of trustees of the corporation. The board of trustees of the corporation shall, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of those trustees present at a meeting of the board of trustees of the corporation at which a quorum is present, have the right to remove, with or without cause, any trustee and to replace any trustee so removed. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership of the board of trustees of the corporation

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the board of trustees, from time to time and at any time, shall deem necessary. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person. All officers shall be members of the board of trustees of the corporation. All officers shall be elected by the board of trustees of the corporation annually at the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the corporation. Officers (including an officer who is also a member of the board of trustees of the corporation) may be compensated for the performance of his or her duties as an officer as determined by the board of trustees of the corporation. Officers may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties as officers as determined by the board of trustees of the corporation. The board of trustees of the corporation shall, by majority vote, have the right to remove, with or without cause, any officer and to replace any officer so removed.

ARTICLE VIII. ADVISORY BOARD

The board of trustees of the corporation, by resolution adopted by a majority of all of the members of the board of trustees, may establish an advisory board. The advisory board shall consist of persons who have expressed an interest in, an attachment to, and a desire to advance the purposes and principles of, the corporation. Each member of the advisory board shall serve at the pleasure of the board of trustees. The board of trustees may remove any member of the advisory board at any time, with or without cause, and the board of trustees may fill all vacancies that may arise on the advisory board. The advisory board shall advise the board of trustees on any matters on which the board of trustees shall have requested the opinion of the advisory board. The advisory board shall not have nor shall it exercise any powers of the board of trustees nor shall the advisory board have any power to bind the corporation in any manner.

ARTICLE IX.
LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The corporation shall be bound by the following:

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, or officer of the corporation, nor to the benefit of any private individual or entity;

B. The corporation shall have no power to engage in any act or activity prohibited to corporations which are exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code;

C. In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, the residual assets of the corporation shall 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 future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal or to a state or local government for public purposes exclusively;

D. No substantial part of activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation; and

E. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE X.
INDEMNITY OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

The corporation shall indemnify any trustee or any officer for any acts or alleged acts committed or allegedly committed by such trustee or officer while serving in his or her capacity as a trustee or as an officer of the corporation to the extent permitted by Florida and federal law.

ARTICLE XI.
BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted, altered, amended, repealed, or revised only by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of those trustees present at a meeting of the board of trustees of the corporation at which a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership of the board of trustees of the corporation.

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**ARTICLE XII.
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The name and street address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is John F. Wendel, 5304 South Florida Avenue, Suite 404, Lakeland, Florida 33813.


**ARTICLE XIII.
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the sole incorporator of this corporation is John F. Wendel, 5304 South Florida Avenue, Suite 404, Lakeland, Florida 33813.

**ARTICLE XIV.
AMENDMENTS TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or restated only by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of those trustees present at a meeting of the board of trustees of the corporation at which a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership of the board of trustees of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 23RD day of October, 2015.



John F. Wendel, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

I, John F. Wendel, having been named to serve as registered agent for **CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF FAMILY ENTERPRISE EXCELLENCE, INC.**, do hereby accept such office and agree to conduct myself therein according to law. I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations of such office.

DATED this 23RD day of October, 2015.



John F. Wendel, Registered Agent