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November 23, 2015

Department of State Division of Corporations PO Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Foundation of Teachers Association of Lee County, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the proposed Articles of Incorporation for the above-mentioned corporation. Please approve and file the original and certify the copy for me.

Enclosed is a check made payable to Florida Department of State for charges as follows:

Filing Fee \$35.00 Certified Copy 8.75

Designation of Registered

Agent <u>35.00</u>

TOTAL: \$78.75

Please advise if anything further is required.

Robert J. Coleman

Sincerely

RJC/pjj Enclosures

# Articles of Incorporation

Of

# FOUNDATION OF TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF LEE COUNTY, INC.

### A Florida Corporation Not-For-Profit

The undersigned incorporators of these Articles of Incorporation hereby associate to form a corporation (the "Corporation") not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes).

#### 1. Name

The name of the Corporation is FOUNDATION OF TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF LEE COUNTY, INC. The Corporation's principal office is located at 6281 Metro Plantation Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33966, in Lee County, Florida, and its mailing address is 6281 Metro Plantation Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33966. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office of the Corporation to any other address in the State of Florida.

### 2. Nature of Business

Subject to the restrictions and limitations of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation is formed exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, including to provide academic scholarships and incentives for academic achievement, or within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and any rulings or regulations thereunder, or the corresponding provisions of any future internal revenue law of the United States of America (the "Revenue Laws"). In carrying out such purposes, the Corporation shall have all of the powers and authorities granted by statute and law, including the power and authority to accept gifts, devises and other contributions for charitable purposes, to hold and administer the funds and properties received and to expend, contribute and otherwise dispose of funds or properties for charitable purposes either directly or by contribution to other Code Section 501(c)(3) organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes; provided, however, said powers and authorities shall be exercised only in furtherance of charitable purposes.

# 3. Powers

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or in cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, desirable, suitable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which to further accomplish, foster or attain any of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are set forth in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations described in Code Section 501(c)(3) (or any corresponding provisions of any future Revenue Laws), including any rulings and regulations thereunder.

#### 4. No Membership

The Corporation shall have no members.

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# 5. Term of Existence

The date when corporate existence shall commence shall be the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, and the Corporation shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

#### 6. Directors

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, members of which shall be elected in accordance with Bylaws adopted for the Corporation. The number of members of the Board of Directors shall be fixed as set forth in Bylaws adopted for the Corporation; provided, however, the Corporation shall never have less than three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

### 7. <u>Initial Registered Office and Agent</u>

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 6281 Metro Plantation Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33966 and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is MARK J. CASTELLANO.

#### 8. Bylaws

The Board of Directors shall provide such Bylaws for the conduct of the Corporation's business and for the carrying out of the Corporation's purposes as the Board of Directors may deem necessary from time to time.

# 9. Amendments

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by resolution of the Board of Directors or by the officers of the Corporation and shall be approved by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum present at a meeting duly called in accordance with Bylaws adopted for the Corporation.

#### 10. <u>Limitations on Actions</u>

All of the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes hereinabove set forth, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any members, trustees, officers, directors or any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make distributions and payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the Corporation's activity shall be for the carrying on of a program of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 501(h) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); and the Corporation shall not participate in or interfere or intervene with (including the publication or distribution of statements regarding) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from U. S. federal income taxation under Code Section 501(c)(3) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws) or any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2) (or corresponding provisions of any

subsequent Revenue Laws). The Corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, and distribute no part of its net income or assets to any members, trustees, officers, directors or any other private persons, and the private property of any members, trustees, officers, directors or any other private person shall not be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

In particular, but without limitation of the generality of the foregoing paragraph, during such time as the Corporation may be considered a private foundation as defined in Code Section 509(a) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws), it shall not: fail to distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Code Section 4942 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code Section 4941(d) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); retain any excess business holdings as defined in Code Section 4943(c) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); make any investment in such manner as to subject it to tax under Code Section 4944 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); or make any taxable expenditures as defined in Code Section 4945(d) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws).

#### 11. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of or provision for all liabilities of the Corporation, including costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be utilized exclusively for the exempt purposes of the Corporation or distributed to an organization described in and qualified under Code Section 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provisions of any future Revenue Law), as shall be selected by the last Board of Directors of the Corporation. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, trustee, officer, director or any other private person. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of common pleas 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.

#### 12. Incorporators

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

MARK J. CASTELLANO 6281 Metro Plantation Road

Fort Myers, Florida 33966

JILL CASTELLANO 6281 Metro Plantation Road

Fort Myers, Florida 33966

BARBARA MORELAND 6281 Metro Plantation Road

Fort Myers, Florida 33966

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators executed these Articles of Incorporation on November <u>IR</u>, 2015. We submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. We are aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided in Section 817.755, Florida Statutes.

VIARK J. CASTELLANC

JILL CASTELLANO

BARBARA MORELAND

# Acceptance by Registered Agent

Having been named to accept service of process for the within-named Corporation, at the place designated hereinabove, I hereby accept the designation to act in this capacity, and acknowledge that I am familiar with and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties

MARK I CASTELLANC

Dated: November <u>18</u>, 2015