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# SUBJECT: Broward Council of the Blind, 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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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FILED OF 16 AFR 21 FIL3 48 BROWARD COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, INC.

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a not for profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be Broward Council of the Blind, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation".

#### ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The address of the principal office is 5450 SW 38th Street; West Park, Florida 33023.

#### **ARTICLE III: DURATION**

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

#### **ARTICLE IV: PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational, religious and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code

#### ARTICLE V: RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES

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 fourth hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or other activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or other-wise 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, 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 VI: REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The Corporation's registered office shall be located at 5450 SW 38 Street, West Park, Florida 33023 and Marvin Byrd is the registered agent of the Corporation at that address.

#### **ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) persons. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by an amendment to the bylaws; however, there shall never be less than three directors. All directors shall be selected as provided for in the bylaws. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

Marvin Byrd President and Director 5450 SW 38 Street West Park, Florida 33023

Jennifer Wilson Treasurer and Director 5450 SW 38 Street West Park, Florida 33023

Archie Deshozior Director

5450 SW 38 Street West Park, Florida 33023 **Delores Ginchereau** Vice President and Director 5450 SW 38 Street West Park, Florida 33023

Mary Ginchereau Secretary and Director 5450 SW 38 Street West Park, Florida 33023

#### **ARTICLE IX: OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided by the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present; provided that notice of the intention to submit amendments shall have been given as provided by the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or 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 such purposes.

#### ARTICLE XII: INCORPORATOR

The incorporator of the Corporation is as follows:

Marvin Byrd 5450 SW 38<sup>th</sup> Street West Park, FL 33023

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, **Marvin Byrd** the undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation, have affixed my signature thereto on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.

SIGNED

**Marvin Byrd** 

### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 48.091 and 617.0501, Florida Statues, the following is submitted in compliance with said Acts:

First—That Broward Council of the Blind, Inc. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at City of West Park; County of Broward, State of Florida, has named **Marvin Byrd** at 5450 SW 38<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of West Park County of Broward, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

-Acceptance of Agent-

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

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**Marvin Byrd** 

DATED: March 16, 2016