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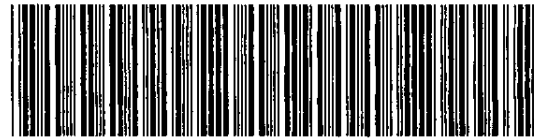
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Empower Florida, 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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Filing Fee &  
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Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Stokes Law Group, PLLC  
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Name (Printed or typed)  
  
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shaunette@stokeslegalcounsel.com  
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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**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I NAME** Empower Florida, Inc.  
The name of the corporation shall be: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Principal street address:  
3420 S. Dale Mabry Highway

Mailing address, if different is:

Unit S

Tampa FL 33629

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE** See Attached.  
The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION** The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: \_\_\_\_\_ as provided in the byl

**ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

Name and Title: Gary Hartfield (Chair)

Address: 309 Harts Oak Place  
Seffner, FL 33584

Name and Title: Valerie H. Goddard (Vice Chair)

Address: 2511 W. Knollwood Street  
Tampa FL 33614

Name and Title: Carol Josephs (Treasurer)

Address: 2504 Culbreath Cove Court  
Valrico, FL 33596

Name and Title: Semira Hoffman (Secretary)

Address: 10860 118th Street N  
Seminole, FL 33778

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: Stokes Law Group, PLLC  
Address: 5508 N. 50th St Suite 9  
Tampa FL 33610

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Gary Hartfield  
Address: 309 Harts Oak Place  
Seffner FL 33584

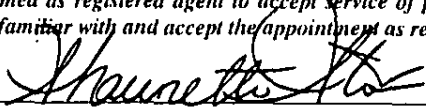
**ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_ (OPTIONAL)

(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five days prior or 90 days after the filing.)

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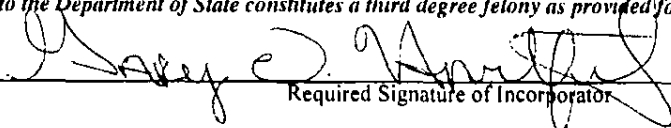
*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity*

  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

March 28, 2017

Date

*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.*

  
Required Signature of Incorporator

3/28/17  
Date

### **Attachment to Articles of Incorporation of Empower Florida, Inc.**

Empower Florida, Inc is organized and operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare within the meaning of 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which are recognized as exempt from tax under such 501(c)(4), including but not limited to: (1) developing and advocating for the adoption or rejection of legislation, regulations, and government programs for the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Providers and Assisted Living Facility owners (2) by promoting the legal rights of the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Providers and Assisted Living Facility owners and (3) rehabilitation and job placement of members.

The Corporation may devote a substantial part of its activities for lobbying purposes (including the publishing or distribution of statements) or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. However, the Corporation may participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political or judicial campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office only to an insubstantial degree.

No part of the net income or net assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, members or other private persons. However, the Corporation is authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its tax-exempt purposes.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, all of the business, properties, assets and income of the Corporation remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, association, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for tax exempt purposes which are reasonably related to the purposes and goals of this Corporation, as may be determined by the Board of Directors of this Corporation in its sole discretion, and which has established its tax exempt status under 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.