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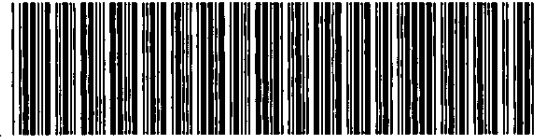
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Empower Through Education Initiative, 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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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Dorthea P. Carper  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

5210 Phoenix Dr  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Milton, FL 32583  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

850-396-3686  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

pat@mededamerica.org  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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)

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## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be: Empower Through Education Initiative, Inc.

## **ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Principal street address:

Mailing address, if different is:

8787 Saltgrass Dr.  
Pensacola, Florida 32526

## **ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific 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, or organizations whose purpose is to promote opportunity in the areas of education, employment, transportation, and housing for individuals with disabilities whether it be developmental, related to an illness or accident, economic, or learning disabilities.

## **ARTICLE IV – MANNER OF ELECTION**

As described in the By-Laws.

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

Victor Smith, President  
8787 Saltgrass Dr.  
Pensacola, FL 32526

Stephen P. Carper, Vice President  
7458 Chase St.  
Navarre, FL 32566

Tracey Smith, Secretary  
8787 Saltgrass Dr.  
Pensacola, FL 32526

Dorthea P. Carper, Treasurer  
5210 Phoenix Dr.  
Milton, FL 32583

## **ARTICLE VI – REGISTERED AGENT**

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

Name: Tracey Smith  
Address: 8787 Saltgrass Dr.  
Pensacola, FL 32526

#### **ARTICLE VII – INCORPORATOR**

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Name: Dorthea P. Carper  
Address: 5210 Phoenix Dr.  
Milton, FL 32583

#### **ARTICLE VIII – EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

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

**Note:** if the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

#### **ARTICLE IX – DISTRIBUTION OF NET EARNINGS**

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 purpose set forth in Article III hereof.

#### **ARTICLE X - ACTIVITIES**

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 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 XI – DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION**

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 or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

*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*

Tracy L. Smith  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

April 4, 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*

Jonathan R. Carpenter  
Required Signature of Incorporator

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Date

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