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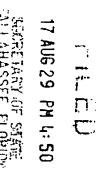
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August 25, 2017

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

Re: Incorporating Evett Simmons Foundation, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed for filing, Articles of Incorporation for Evett Simmons Foundation, Inc., a corporation not for profit. I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$87.50 for payment of the filing fees, Registered Agent Designation, certified copy, and Certificate of Status. Your prompt action is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

GREENSPOON MARDER, P.A.

Evett L. Simmons, Esq.

**Enclosures** 

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

#### <u>OF</u>

# **EVETT SIMMONS FOUNDATION, INC.**

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

#### **ARTICLE 1**

#### NAME

The name of the Corporation is EVETT SIMMONS FOUNDATION, INC

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **DURATION**

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### <u>ARTICLE III</u>

#### PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business is 145 N.W. Central Park Plaza, Suite 104, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34986 and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be 145 N.W. Central Park Plaza, Suite 105, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34986.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **LIMITATIONS**

The Corporation is not organized for a pecuniary profit. The Corporation shall not have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any member, director, trustee, officer, or other private person, 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 II hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to the promulgation 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 provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by (a) an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and its regulations, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or (b) an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of such Code and regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

In the event that the Corporation is deemed to be a "private foundation" within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, then:

1. The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner so that it will not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by

Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.

- 2. The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- 3. The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- 4. The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner that would subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- 5. The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 145 N.W. Central Park Plaza, Suite 104, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34986. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address is Evett L. Simmons.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. The number of directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than five (5). The initial Board of Directors shall be:

Evett L. Simmons 7843 Sabal Lake Drive

Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

Padrick A. Pinkney 211 SE Village Drive

Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Deirdre W. Smith 17565 71st Lane, North

Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Rose Ann Williams 791 Grove Park Circle

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

D. Elizabeth Winfield 115 Tullamore Trail

Tyrone, GA 30290

B. The terms of the Board of Directors shall be staggered and the method of election of directors thereafter, and all other matters concerning the directors, shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the liquidation, dissolution or other discontinuance of the charitable activities and operations of the Corporation, no surplus remaining after payment of the just debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed to or amongst any members or directors of the Corporation, but after making provision for the payment of all of the just debts and liabilities of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to charities of a similar purpose, if such entity is at the time exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any later federal tax law, and otherwise, as selected by the Board of Directors, to such other organization or organizations as are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any later federal tax

laws, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be distributed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, to such organization or organizations, as such court shall determine, that are organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes.

#### ARTICLE IX

## **BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of this Corporation shall be initially adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be changed or repealed by the affirmative vote of the Board of Directors at any meeting thereof.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator are as follows:

Name: Address:

Evett L. Simmons 145 NW Central Park Plaza, Suite 104

Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 25% day of August 2017.

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# **ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I, EVETT L. SIMMONS, am familiar with and accept the obligations of the appointment as the registered agent of EVETT SIMMONS FOUNDATION, INC., as made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED this 25 day of August 2017.

EVETT L. SIMMONS

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of August, 2017, by EVETT L. SIMMONS, who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath.

Notary Public, State of Florida

My commission expires:

