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# **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN	JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCI	ATION, INC.	
50000CT.	(PROPOSED COR	PORATE NAME – <u>MUST INC</u>	CLUDE SUFFIX)
Enclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the A	rticles of Incorporation and a	a check for:
☐ \$70.00 Filing Fee	☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	□\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	■ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate
		ADDITIONAL CO	PY REQUIRED
FROM:	Jennifer Stakich Walker	ame (Printed or typed)	,
	701 N. Patterson Street	Address	
	Valdosta, GA 31601		
	(229) 242-0314	City, State & Zip	

jenniferwalker@dovermiller.com

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

Daytime Telephone number

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# SOUTHERN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

## A Corporation Not for Profit

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation Not for Profit shall be SOUTHERN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Corporation"). The Corporation is organized pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

## ARTICLE II

The Corporation's principal place of business is 119 Blanchard Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601. The mailing address is 119 Blanchard Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601.

### ARTICLE III

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended. The purpose of the Corporation is as follows: to educate the public regarding horsemanship and to inspire good character and citizenship, and insofar as permitted by law, to do any other thing, act, or undertaking, which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, will promote the public education and good character and citizenship, on a nonprofit basis.

## ARTICLE IV

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. The method of electing the board of directors shall be determined by the bylaws of the Corporation. In no event shall the number of directors be fewer than three. Pursuant to Section 617.0801, Florida Statutes, the Board of Directors may authorize a person or persons to exercise corporate

powers under the authority of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE V

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of four members whose names and addresses are:

Kenneth Thatcher President/Director 9418 Dry Lake Road Ouitman, GA 31643

Holly Crews Secretary/Director 6015 Indian Trail Keystone Heights, FL 32656 Ernie Owens Vice President/Director 6455 Old Madison Road Quitman, GA 31643

Julie Townsend Treasurer/Director 4961 NW CR 253 Greenville, FL 32331

## ARTICLE VI

The Corporation's initial registered office shall be at 6015 Indian Trail, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, and the name of its initial registered agent at that office is Holly Crews.

## ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is Jennifer Stakich Walker, 701 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

The Corporation shall have the powers and authorities as are now or may hereafter be granted to corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, and which are necessary and proper to carry out and perform any and all of the purposes for which the Corporation is authorized.

### ARTICLE IX

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

### ARTICLE X

Personal liability of all directors of the Corporation to the Corporation or its members

for monetary damages for breach of duty of care or other duty as a director is hereby eliminated to the extent allowed by Sections 617.0604 and 617.0834 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act or any successor statute.

#### ARTICLE XI

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE XII

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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.

## ARTICLE XIV

The Corporation shall have no members.

#### ARTICLE XV

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors as provided in s.617.1001, F.S.

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.

This Stay of October, 2017.

Jennifer Stakich Walker, Incorporator

DOVER MILLER KARRAS & LANGDALE, P.C. P. O. Box 729 Valdosta GA 31603-0729

# ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

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.

Dated this 318t day of October, 2017.

HOLLY K. UCREWS, REGISTERED AGENT