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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**HILLCREST ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION,  
INC.**

*(a Florida Not For Profit Corporation)*

The undersigned hereby organizes a not for profit corporation under the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, pursuant to the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

The name of the corporation is The HILLCREST ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION, INC. (hereinafter the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE II**  
**PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is 1051 State Road 60 East, Lake Wales, FL 33853.

**ARTICLE III**  
**CORPORATE NATURE**

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized for the corporate purposes set forth herein, pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Section 617, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**PURPOSES**

A. To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

B. Within such charitable and educational purposes, to aid the students of Hillcrest Elementary School in Lake Wales, Florida by providing support for their educational and recreational needs and to promote open communication between the administration, teachers and parents; and to receive donations, gifts, and other property to be used to pursue the foregoing purposes.

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**ARTICLE V**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The number of Directors of the corporation shall be as set forth in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than the minimum amount required by applicable law for a non-profit corporation. The term of office, method of election, duties, and authority of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**MEMBERS**

The qualifications for members, the manner of their admission, and their rights shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**POWERS**

This Corporation shall have all the powers given to a not for profit corporation by the Florida Statutes, to the extent consistent with these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Code Section 501(c)(3).

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation are: Shelly Windham, 1174 Yarnell Avenue, Lake Wales, FL 33853.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 1051 State Road 60 East, Lake Wales, FL 33853. The initial Registered Agent at such address shall be Patricia Martinez.

**ARTICLE X**  
**DURATION**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing upon filing.

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**ARTICLE XI**  
**INDEMNIFICATION**

This Corporation shall indemnify any Officer, Director or Member, or any former Officer, Director or Member, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**BYLAWS**

The initial Board of Directors shall adopt initial Bylaws of the Corporation. The power to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws, or to adopt new Bylaws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 its charitable purpose as set forth in Article IV above. 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 publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, the Corporation shall not conduct any activities not permitted to be carried on, (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Code Section 501(c)(3), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2). 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 XIV**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON LIQUIDATION**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3), 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 exempt purposes within the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3) or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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**ARTICLE XV**  
**DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational and charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Board of Directors of the Corporation as set forth in the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2017.

  
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Shelly Windham, Incorporator

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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE  
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In compliance with Section 617.0501 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, the following is submitted:

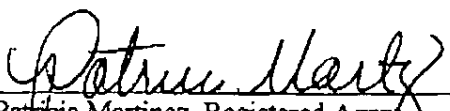
Hillcrest Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc., with its place of business at 1051 State Road 60 East, Lake Wales, FL 33853, has named Patricia Martinez at 1051 State Road 60 East, Lake Wales, FL 33853, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Dated: 31 day of October, 2017.

  
Shelly Windham, Incorporator

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all Statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of Chapter 617 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

Dated: 31 day of October, 2017.

  
Patricia Martinez, Registered Agent

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