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MICHAEL A. ALAO 119 S. MONROE ST., STE. 300 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

SUBJECT: FLORIDA'S GREAT NORTHWEST FOUNDATION, INC. Ref. Number: W18000018431

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We have received your document for FLORIDA'S GREAT NORTHWEST FOUNDATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Please provide a complete street address for the principal address in Article I.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

DANIEL L O'KEEFE Regulatory Specialist II

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March 6, 2018

Mr. Daniel O'Keefe Regulatory Specialist II Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Letter Number: 518A00003816

Dear Mr. O'Keefe:

Pursuant to your letter dated February 23, 2018 (attached), please find enclosed two amended copies of Florida's Great Northwest Foundation, Inc.'s Articles of Incorporation.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Alao

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Enclosures



#### **COVER LETTER**

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

#### FLORIDA'S GREAT NORTHWEST FOUNDATION, INC.

SUBJECT:

#### (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – <u>MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX</u>)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

MICHAEL A. ALAO FROM:

Name (Printed or typed)

119 S. MONROE ST., SUITE 300

Address

TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

City, State & Zip

(850) 222-7500

Daytime Telephone number

MICHAELA@HGSLAW.COM

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

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

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FLORIDA'S GREAT NORTHWEST FOUNDATION, INC. A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the Corporation:

#### Article I

#### Name

The name of the Corporation shall be Florida's Great Northwest Foundation, Inc.

The principal address of the Corporation at the time of incorporation is 100 E College Blvd. Niceville, Florida 32578.

#### Article II

#### Duration

The duration of this Corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

Corporate existence shall commence on the date these Articles of Incorporation are filed by the Department of State.

#### Article III

#### Purpose

The Corporation is formed, organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "Code"), for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of Florida's Great Northwest, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation, all within the meaning of Section 509(a)(3) of the Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Law.

#### Article IV

#### Qualifications and Admission of Members

The authorized number, qualifications, and manner of admission of members of this Corporation, the different classes of membership, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members, the liability of members for dues and/or assessments and the method of collection, and the termination and transfer of membership shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### Article V

#### **Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The street address of the Corporation's registered office shall be Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., 119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300, City of Tallahassee, County of Leon, Florida 32301, and the name of the Corporation's registered agent at that address shall be Joseph Brown.

#### Article VI

#### **Board of Directors**

The Executive Committee of Florida's Great Northwest, Inc., shall serve as the Board of Directors until the First Annual Meeting or other meeting called to elect Directors. The method of election of Directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### Article VII

#### **Basis Under Which Corporation Organized**

The Corporation is a Corporation Not for Profit as defined by the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, section 617.01401, Florida Statutes. As such, it is not organized for the pecuniary gain or profit of, and neither the net earnings nor any part thereof is distributable to, its members, Directors, Officers, or other private persons except as specifically permitted under the provisions of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act.

#### Article VIII

#### Tax Exempt

It is intended that the Corporation shall have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. These Articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the Corporation shall be limited accordingly. All references in these Articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code or Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

#### Article IX

#### Management of Corporate Affairs

(a) Board of Directors. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of not less than three (3) Directors. The number of Directors provided for in these Articles of Incorporation may be changed by a Bylaw adopted by the Board of Directors entitled to vote.

(b) Election of Directors. The method of electing Directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

(c) Elective Officers. The Officers of this Corporation shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Other offices and Officers may be established or appointed by the Board of Directors of this Corporation at any regular Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting of Directors called for such a purpose. The qualifications, the time and manner of electing or appointing, the duties of, the terms of office, and the manner of removing Officers shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

#### Article X

#### Bylaws

The Bylaws of this Corporation may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by the Directors in the manner provided in the Bylaws. Any amendments to the Bylaws shall be binding on all Directors and members of this Corporation.

#### Article XI

#### Amendment of Articles

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a Resolution adopted by a majority vote of a quorum the Board of Directors.

#### Article XII

#### **Distribution on Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all assets of the Corporation exclusively for the authorized purpose of the Corporation as the Board of Directors shall determine, and any of such assets not so distributed shall be distributed

### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for Florida's Great Northwest Foundation. Inc. at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

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exclusively for such purpose by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is located. None of such assets shall be diverted to any other purpose.

#### Article XIII

#### **Nonstock Basis**

The Corporation is formed on a nonstock basis and shall not issue shares of stock.

#### Article XIV

#### Indemnification

The Corporation shall indemnify each Director and Officer, including former Directors and Officers to the fullest extent allowed by law.

IN WITNESS, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation on the 31 day of January \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

J. Bruce Vredenburg



#### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Michael A. Ałao

Address: Hopping Green & Sams, 119. S. Monroe St., Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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 provide for in s.817.155, F.S.

Signature of Incorporator

2/15-(2013) Date

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