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

SUBJECT: Florida Debate Initiative
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

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Filing Fee &
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
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FROM: Tara L. Tedrow
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FLORIDA DEBATE INITIATIVE, INC.**

ARTICLE I
Name of Corporation

The name of the corporation shall be Florida Debate Initiative, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II
Address of Corporation

The principal place of business of the Corporation shall be 215 North Eola Drive, Orlando, FL 32801. The mailing address shall be 215 North Eola Drive, Orlando, FL 32801.

ARTICLE III
Purpose and Powers of Corporation

The primary purpose of the Corporation is to advance and transform education through competition by bringing competitive speech and debate opportunities to students of all grade levels.

The Corporation is authorized to accept contributions of monies, securities, land or other things of value to be held in trust, used for specific purposes or used as operating funds, as may be directed by the donors of such assets at the time of the donation. The Corporation is further authorized to utilize a bank with trust powers and financial planners to invest and reinvest its funds.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws governing the distributions to organizations qualified as tax-exempt.

Except as limited by the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, the Corporation will have and exercise all rights and power in furtherance of its purposes as are or may hereafter be conferred on not-for-profit corporations, pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and in accordance with other applicable law.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE IV Manner of Election

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The method of election or appointment of the Board of Directors shall be fixed and governed by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors and Officers

There shall be no less than three members of the Board of Directors at any time. The initial Board of Directors are:

Tara L. Tedrow
215 North Eola Drive
Orlando, FL 32801

Elizabeth P. Eskin
4007 New Hampton Ct.
Orlando, FL 32822

Cathy L. Brown
17734 East Lake Jem Road
Mount Dora, FL 32757

ARTICLE VI Registered Agent

The name and street address of the Registered Agent shall be Tara L. Tedrow
215 North Eola Drive, Orlando, FL 32801.

ARTICLE VII
Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator shall be Tara L. Tedrow
215 North Eola Drive, Orlando, FL 32801.

ARTICLE VIII
Effective Date and Duration

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing on the date of acceptance and filing of these Articles with the Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, State of Florida.

ARTICLE IX
Dissolution Clause

A majority of the Board of Directors may authorize dissolution of the Corporation. After dissolution is authorized, the Corporation must file articles of dissolution in compliance with Section 617.1403, Florida Statutes, with the Department of State.

Upon the dissolution of this 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 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.

ARTICLE X
Meetings

The annual meeting for the election of members of the Board of Directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI
Amendments

These Articles of Incorporation may be altered, amended, repealed, or added to by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors in attendance at a meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose, provided that a written notice shall have

been sent to each Director at the Director's contact information at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting. This notice shall state the alterations, amendments, additions, or changes which are proposed to be made in the Articles. Changes shall be made only as specified in the notice.

Adopted on the 4 day of the month of February in the year 2019.

Attested by:



Signature

Tara Tedrow

Printed Name

Officer

Title

2/4/19

Date

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



Registered Agent

2/4/19

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.



Incorporator

2/4/19

Date