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REQUEST TO EXPEDITE APPLICATION PROCESSING Florida Department of State

Via in-person submission

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

RE: Citizens of Gulf County Recovery Team, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the Citizens of Gulf County Recovery Team. This will replace any and all previously submitted originals and copies of this document. Please file the original, certify the copy and return it to this organization at your earliest convenience. Included with these copies is a check for \$78.75 to cover the fees.

Sincerely,

Deborah Maulding

Treasurer

Citizens of Gulf County Recovery Team

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CITIZENS OF GULF COUNTY RECOVERY TEAM, INC

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, natural persons competent to contract, hereby form a corporation not for profit, under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and do hereby certify that it has become such corporation under and pursuant to the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is "CITIZENS OF GULF COUNTY RECOVERY TEAM, INC"

ARTICLE II

- A. The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed is to operate for purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, Florida Statutes, Chapter 617 and 196, and Articles VII, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution, and to secure and distribute contributions from individuals, corporations, governmental entities and foundations to promote charitable endeavors for victims of natural and man-made disasters in Gulf County, Florida.
- B. The general purposes and powers are to have and to exercise all rights and powers conferred on non-profit corporations under the laws of Florida, including the power to contract, rental

buy or sell personal or real property; provided, however that this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this corporation.

- C. The primary purposes of this corporation is to provide a coordinated recovery effort from Hurricane Michael and other such disasters that may arise in Gulf County, Florida and to provide needed resources to families affected by disasters for charitable, religious, literary, or educational purposes whether directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- D. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III

This corporation is organized pursuant to the corporation's not for profit law of the State of Florida. This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the directors thereof, and it is organized for non-profit purposes.

ARTICLE IV

The principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is located at 1934 S.R. 30-A, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The registered agent of the corporation is CLAYTON STUDSTILL and the registered office at which he is located is 326 Reid Ave., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456.

ARTICLE V

The Board of Directors of this corporation will consist of nine (9) members. The initial directors and their addresses are as follows:

Vicki Abrams 315 Beacon Road Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Nancy Stuart 181 Broken Arrow Lane Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Robyn A. Rennick 123 Mariner Lane Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Debbie Maulding 1007 Garrison Avenue Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Sarah Hinds 138 White Blossum Trail Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Tim Croft 149 W. US 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Celeste Putnam 209 Cristins Curve Road Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 Clayton Studstill 326 Reid Avenue Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Patricia Hardman 123 Mariner Lane Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

ARTICLE VI

The corporation shall have members as described in the By-Laws of the Corporation, however it shall have one class of membership, with no voting rights of members. The election of directors and officers shall be as provided in the By-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

This corporation is not organized, nor shall it be operated for the pecuniary gain or profit and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to the directors thereof and it is organized solely for non-profit purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of this corporation are irrevocably dedicated to purposes set forth and permitted under Section 501 (C) of the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the profits or net income of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any directors or officers thereof or to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, the assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation

or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for purposes under Section 501 (C) of the Internal Revenue Code and which has established its tax-exempt status under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE VIII

The corporation shall exist in perpetuity.

ARTICLE IX

- A. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a Chairman (President), Vice-Chairman (Vice-President), Secretary, Treasurer (Finance Officer) and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint.
- B. The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually in accordance with the By-Laws. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until the successor officer shall have been duly elected and qualified in accordance with the By-Laws.
- C. The officers who will serve until the first election of officers:

Vicki Abrams Chairperson

Nancy Stuart Vice-Chairperson

Robyn A. Rennick Secretary

Debbie Maulding Treasurer

ARTICLE X

The By-Laws of this corporation may be made, amended or

rescinded by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation may be proposed and adopted as follows:

- 1. Any director may propose amendments to the Articles of Incorporation by giving written notice of the proposed amendment to all Directors of the corporation at least seven (7) days prior to any regular meeting by hand delivery or by certified receipt return; provided, receipt is within seven (7) days of said special meeting.
- 2. Duly proposed amendments shall be adopted only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present and voting at any meeting at which a quorum is present. A quorum shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being persons herein above named as the first Directors, have executed these Articles of Incorporation on the 23 day of August, 2019.

CITIZENS OF GULF COUNTY RECOVERY TEAM, INC

Vicki Abrams, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF GULF

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this $\frac{23}{2}$ day of August 2019,

before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments and administer oaths, personally appeared VICKI ABRAMS, who is personally known to me or who produced personally Known as identification, the incorporator signing the articles in the above corporation and he acknowledged before me that the proposed Articles of Incorporation are the free act and deed of the incorporator and that the facts therein set are truly set forth and that he desires to associate himself pursuant to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Port St. Joe, Florida, in the State and County aforesaid on the day and year first above written.

PATRICIA ANN STRAYER
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # GG 293470
My Comm. Expires Jan 24, 2023
Bonded through National Notary Assn.

Notary Public

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said act:

First, that CITIZENS OF GULF COUNTY RECOVERY TEAM, INC, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida, has named CLAYTON STUDSTILL, 326 Reid Ave., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office.

Clayton Studstill Registered Agent

326 Reid Ave.

Port St. Joe, FL 32456