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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT:	(PROPOSED CORP	ORATE NAME – <u>MUST IN</u>	<u>(L)(DE SUFFIX</u> )	
Enclosed is an original a	nd one (1) copy of the Ar	ticles of Incorporation and	a check for :	
(7) \$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:	Megan Wall			
	Name (Printed or typed)			
	222 San Marco Avenue			
		Address	_	

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

(904)-460-0944

Megan.Wall@jaxlegalaid.org

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

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

#### Friends of the St. Johns County Drug Court, Inc.

A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

- A. NAME OF CORPORATION: The name of the corporation is Friends of the St. Johns County Drug Court, Inc.
- B. PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The principal office of the corporation is St Johns County Legal Aid 222 San Marco Avenue St Augustine FL 32084
- C. MAILING ADDRESS: The mailing address of the corporation is St Johns County Legal Aid 222 San Marco Avenue St Augustine FL 32084
- D. REGISTERED AGENT: The name of the registered agent of the corporation is Megan Wall. The address of this registered agent is 108 First Street, St Augustine FL 32080.
- E. DURATION/MEMBERSHIP: The period of duration is perpetual. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws.
- F. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The method of selection of the Board of Directors and number of directors shall be stated in the bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

Lynn Eberly 40 Ocean Court St. Augustine, FL 32080

Meghan Deputy 3541 Red Cloud Trail St. Augustine, FL 32086

Megan Wall 108 1st Street St. Augustine, FL 32080 20 JAN IL PH I: L

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Larry Melfi 253 King Arthur Ct. St. Augustine, FL 32086 904-669-4294 7976@bellsouth.net

Donna Hamilton 432 Taurus Lane Orange Park, FL 32073

Eugene "Bear" Kitchell 905 Whispering Circle Apt. #5 St. Augustine, FL 32084



- G. INCORPORATOR: The name and address of the incorporator is: Megan Wall, St Johns County Legal Aid 222 San Marco Avenue St Augustine Ft. 32084
- H. CORPORATE PURPOSES: The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational and scientific and consist of the following:
  - 1. The exclusive purpose of this Corporation is to engage in charitable and educational activities, and support the rehabilitation based work of the St. Johns County Drug Court Program, which provides an alternative to incarceration for eligible persons with substance abuse problems who reside within St. Johns County. The program's goal is to help participants stay sober and contribute to the welfare of these individuals, their families, and the community of St. Johns County.
  - 2. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purpose, either directly or indirectly.
  - 3. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively educational purposes in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(a) of Internal Revenue Code of 1986 because it is an organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of that Code

#### I. 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

- 1. CORPORATE PURPOSES: Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal taxation under section 501(a) of IRS Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of that Code
- 2. **EXCLUSIVITY**: The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- 3. **NO PRIVATE INUREMENT:** The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the its directors or officers, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The

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property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to educational and charitable purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

- 4. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 5. DISSOLUTION: Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(a) of the IRS Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of that Code. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.
- INDEMNIFICATION Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

	EXECUTION	<b>53.</b>	
These Articles of Incorporation are hereby ex <u>Dcccmbe/</u> , 20 <u>19</u> .	Recuted by the incorporator on this  Megan Wall, Incorporator	242	_ day of

## REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

Thereby accept my appointment as registered agent for Friends of the St Johns County Drug Court, Inc. a Florida not for profit corporation.

Megan Wali

Date: 12-24-19