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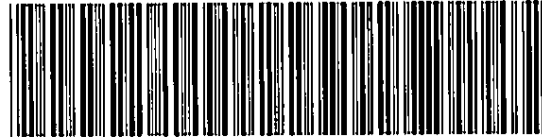
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
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**SUBJECT:** Florida Advancement Project, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**FLORIDA ADVANCEMENT PROJECT, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of this Corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following articles of incorporation and states as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Name, Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address**

The name of the corporation is "Florida Advancement Project, Inc." The mailing address and initial principal place of business is: 25550 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33032.

**ARTICLE II**

**Duration**

The period of the duration of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved in accordance with Florida law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**ARTICLE III**

**Purposes**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to promote social welfare within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, including but not limited to: (1) developing and advocating for legislation, regulations, and government programs to improve the environment, access to healthcare, strong public services and voting rights; (2) conducting research and publicizing the positions of elected officials concerning these issues; and (3) coordinate among partner organizations in the state with aligned values.

This corporation is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member of the Board of Directors or any other

individual except that this corporation may make payments of reasonable compensation for services rendered. The corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office to an extent that would disqualify it from tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.

Notwithstanding any provision 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)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

#### **ARTICLE IV** **Restrictions**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers, employees or other individuals, partnerships, estates, trusts or corporations having a personal or private interest in the corporation; provided, however, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, hereof and to pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of fundraising and carrying out the objectives of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE V** **Members**

Membership in Florida Advancement Project, Inc. shall be established by the Board of Directors as provided in the by-laws of the corporation and may consist of separate categories of membership, each with different rights and responsibilities.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Resident Office and Agent**

The street address and city of the registered office of the corporation is:

25550 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Homestead, Florida 33032

The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Raymond Paultre.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Board of Directors**

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be established in the by-laws, but shall not be less than three (3). The by-laws shall provide the process for the selection of Directors; provided, however, the initial Directors of the corporation shall be appointed by the incorporator.

There shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve unless provided otherwise in the by-laws. The term of office of Board members shall be stated in the by-laws. The Board of Directors may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board members in conjunction with the corporation's business or other approved activities directly related to the corporation's purposes.

Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving additional compensation therefore.

The by-laws may provide for an Executive Committee of the Board. The Board of Directors may establish other committees as may from time to time be determined necessary and appoint the membership on such committees.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Officers**

The corporation shall have at least the following Officers – President, Secretary and Treasurer – and such other Officers as may be provided for in the by-laws. The manner of selection of Officers also shall be provided for in the by-laws; provided, however, the initial officers shall be appointed by the incorporator.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Indemnification of Officers and Directors**

Officers and Directors shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, including any incurred in appellate proceedings, reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office as provided in the by-laws. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all Officers and Directors against any such liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as Officers and Directors or arising out of their status as such.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Non-Stock Basis**

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, its assets shall be disposed of exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Code; distributed to one or more organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or social welfare purposes and, at the time, qualify as exempt organizations under

sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Code; or to the Federal government or to a state or local government to be used for exclusively public purposes.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by majority vote of the Directors as provided in Section 617.1002(1)(b), Florida Statutes, at a meeting called for such purpose.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Incorporator**

The name and address of the original incorporator of this corporation are as follows:

Raymond Paultre  
25550 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Homestead, Florida 33032

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, 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 in Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

  
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RAYMOND PAULTRE  
INCORPORATOR

**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Raymond Paultre, the Registered Agent named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, by the execution of this acceptance, does hereby agree to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, is familiar with and accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity and to maintain normal business hours at the following address: 25550 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33032.

  
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RAYMOND PAULTRE

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