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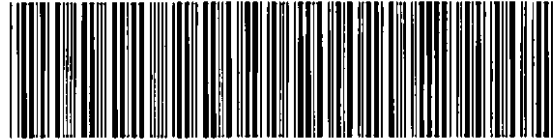
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P. O. Box 6327  
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**SUBJECT:** The Jeffrey Bear Foundation

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☒ \$70.00  
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☐ \$78.75  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Cynthia L. Godbey  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

2056 Owenby Drive  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Tallahassee, FL 32308  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

850-508-5601  
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Daytime Telephone number

godbey2009@yahoo.com  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

July 20, 2021

THE JEFFREY BEAR FOUNDATION  
2056 OWENBY DRIVE  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308

SUBJECT: THE JEFFREY BEAR FOUNDATION, INC.  
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We have received your document for THE JEFFREY BEAR FOUNDATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.")

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

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.

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*The Jeffrey Bear Foundation, Inc.*

SECRETARY OF STATE  
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### *Articles of Incorporation*

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, Florida Statute, the undersigned, all of whom are residents of Leon County, Florida and of majority age, have this day voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation and do hereby certify:

#### Article I: Corporation Name

The name of the corporation shall be the Jeffrey Bear Foundation, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Foundation or JBF, Inc.

#### Article II: Principal Office

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Foundation shall be:

2056 Owenby Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

The mailing address may be changed to a P.O. Box at the direction of the Board at such time as the Foundation has accrued funds to support such administrative logistics.

#### Article III: Purpose and Powers of the Foundation

The purpose for which the Foundation is organized is to serve in memoriam to Steven Jeffrey "Jeffrey Bear" Godbey, Jr., DVM, by providing charitable support to initiatives that he would have personally supported:

1. Humane care and treatment of all animals and the provision of "forever" homes for animals in need in Leon County.
2. Students participating in the Florida State University and Florida A & M University "Pre-Veterinary" and Veterinary Technician programs.
3. Activities that further the objectives of Not One More Vet, Inc. (NOMV).
4. Local musicians in support of entrepreneurial musical pursuits.
5. Other endeavors that aim to provide encouragement to young people to be the best they can be.

The Foundation is hereby empowered to engage in activities that support any of these stated purposes and to exercise all the powers required to perform the duties and obligations of the Foundation based upon annual program plans adopted by the Board.

#### Article IV: Manner of Election

An organizing committee (initial officers/directors) shall be established and tasked with the express purpose of planning, developing documents, generating initial funding, creating accounts and taking such actions as are necessary to create the legal entity called The Jeffrey Bear Foundation, Inc. described in the by-laws.

The organizational committee shall act as incorporators and have executive authority to operate the Foundation until such time as the first Foundation Board has been named. This committee will also be responsible for recruiting individuals which represent needed professional/individual talents and/or constituencies to ensure the Foundation can reach the identified objectives as enumerated in Article III.

When the first Board takes office, the organizational committee shall dissolve and all governing authority for the Foundation shall be immediately transferred to the Board.

#### Article V: Incorporating Directors/Organizing Committee

The following individuals have agreed to serve as the initial Incorporating Directors or Organizing Committee until such time as the first Board takes office.

Ralph DeMeo, Legal Counsel  
101 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Steve Fellerman, Budget Advisor  
280 Starmount Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Cynthia Godbey, Organizational Director  
2056 Owenby Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Steve Godbey  
6439 Bombadil Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308

#### Article VI: Registered Agent

Ralph DeMeo, whose address is 101 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, is hereby named the initial registered agent of the Foundation.

#### Article VII: Incorporators

Those individuals who will be serving as the founding incorporators are identified in Article V as the Incorporating Directors/Organizing Committee.

#### Article VII: Dissolution

In the event that the Corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for payment of all known liabilities of the Corporation, may transfer or dispose of the Corporation's property and assets to (a) such one or more Corporations, trusts, funds or other organizations which at the time are exempt from federal income tax as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and, in the sole judgment of the Corporation's Board of Directors, have purposes similar to those of the Corporation or (b) the federal government, or to a state or local government for such purposes. No private individual shall share in the distribution of any Corporation assets upon dissolution or sale of the assets of the Corporation.

Article VIII: Effective Date

These Articles of Incorporation shall become effective upon the date of filing the same with the State of Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

Article IX: Endorsements

These Articles have been adopted by the founding incorporators, the Organizing Committee, of the Jeffrey Bear Foundation, Inc. as shown by their signatures here.

Ralph DeMeo  
Name


Legal Counsel  
Affiliation/Role



07/21/2021  
Date

Steve Fellerman  
Name

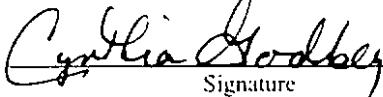
Budget Officer  
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Cynthia Godbey  
Name

Organizational Director  
Affiliation/Role



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Date

Steve Godbey  
Name

Foundation Developer  
Affiliation/Role



7/22/21  
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 appointment as registered agent and agree to serve in this capacity.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021, by Ralph A. DeMeo, Esquire, as Registered Agent, on behalf of The Jeffrey Bear Foundation, Inc.

Agreed to by:



Ralph A. DeMeo, Registered Agent  
The Jeffrey Bear Foundation, Inc.

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