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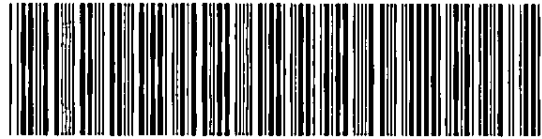
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**SUBJECT:** Hardee County Sheriff's Foundation Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Amanda Horton, Esq. Incorporator  
Name (Printed or typed)  
900 East Summit Street  
Address  
Wauchula, Florida 33873  
City, State & Zip  
863-773-0304  
Daytime Telephone number  
jroberts@hardeeso.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION, INC.

The undersigned, natural person of the age of eighteen years or older, acting as incorporator for the purpose of creating a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida in compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., do hereby set forth:

**ARTICLE I NAME** The name of the corporation is:

The HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION, Inc. ("HCSF")

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE** The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation is:

Principal: 900 East Summit Street, Wauchula Florida 33873

Mailing: 900 East Summit Street, Wauchula Florida 33873

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE** The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

- A. The HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION, Inc. is a community based not for profit Corporation created for the purposes of supporting the work of The Hardee County Sheriff's Office and furthering programs and activities within the community. The specific purposes of the Corporation are to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both and subject to the restrictions and limitations herein set forth to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principle thereof for related charitable purposes. This includes but is not limited to providing and promoting continuing education, awareness, and outreach to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community through training, support programs and materials to be utilized by Hardee County Sheriff Office staff, volunteers, or to implement various community programs.
- B. The HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION, Inc. is organized for exclusively religious, charitable, educational, and scientific purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization 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 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, nor shall it engage in activities otherwise unrelated to the exempt purposes of the Corporation.
- D. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on a propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION** There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) individuals. Vacancies on the Board will be filled through recommendation and vote by

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the Executive Director and the Board of Directors. The bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended, or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them.

**ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

The Executive Director:                      Roberts, James "Chip"  
900 East Summit St.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

The Board of Directors:

Davis, Carson	Maldonado, Travis
698 Popash Road	P.O. Box 1899
Wauchula, FL 33873	Wauchula, FL 33873

Gilliard, Janet	Rewis, Jamie
4005 Appaloosa Road	251 Dansby Road
Sebring, FL 33875	Wauchula, FL 33873

Gullatt, Cody	Winter, Lyn
903 South 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	736 Memorial Drive
Wauchula, FL 33873	Sebring, FL 33870

**ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT** The name and address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is:

Roberts, James "Chip"  
900 East Summit St.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR** The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Horton, Amanda  
900 East Summit St.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

**ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE** Effective date, if other than the date of filing: September 17, 2023. The Corporation shall have a perpetual existence, commencing on the date of execution of these Articles of Incorporation. The Corporation's fiscal year will end on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ARTICLE IX MEMBERSHIP** This Corporation will not have members and shall not issue membership certificates. The Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

**ARTICLE X LIMITATIONS AND DISSOLUTION** No part of the earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the Corporation, and upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of the Corporation shall dispose of the residual assets of the Corporation exclusively for exempt purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to one or more organizations

which themselves are exempt organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding Sections of any future Internal Revenue Code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, for such purposes or organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE XI POWERS** The General Powers of the Board of Directors are to manage the business and affairs of the organization. Meetings will be held at a minimum of one time a year and a quorum will never be less than one-third of the number of the Board. The founding Executive Director shall not receive compensation. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive compensation for their work as a member of the Board.

This Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as a Corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization or as a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding Sections of any future Internal Revenue Code.

The Corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the Corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

**Acceptance by Registered Agent**

*Having been named on 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.*



James "Chip" Roberts

9/17/2023

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.*



Amanda Horton, Incorporator

9/17/23

Date

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