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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
AMERICAN CENTER FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP, INC.
(A Corporation Not For Profit)**

The undersigned acknowledges and files in the Office of the Secretary of State of Florida, for the purposes of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the Corporation is American Center For Public Leadership, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office of the Corporation is 1000 Longfellow Boulevard, Lakeland, Florida 33801, and the mailing address is the same.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized as a not for profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, on a non-stock basis exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future tax code. The Corporation shall be operated for the benefit of Southeastern University, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "University") and has the following purposes: (1) promoting the advancement and further aims and purposes of the University, including its purposes of furthering Christian education through the establishment of an institution of Christian higher education; (2) promoting a national movement of civic engagement through civil discourse; (3) promoting and carrying on academic research and educational activities related to civic engagement and public leadership; (4) encouraging, soliciting, accepting, holding, managing, administering, and distributing property and funds acquired by gift, grant, bequest, or otherwise for the purposes set forth above; and (5) conducting and providing such other programs, activities, and services as are necessary, incidental to or pertaining to the foregoing purposes of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be for the carrying on of a program of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Corporation participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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ARTICLE IV
POWERS

The Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to exercise any and all corporate powers conferred by Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, or the corresponding section of any future Florida law establishing the powers of a not for profit corporation, provided such powers are exercised in a manner that is consistent with, and reasonably necessary and incidental to, the objects and purposes of the Corporation, as set forth in Article III hereof. The Corporation will possess and may exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges as are now or hereafter may be conferred by law upon not for profit corporations organized under the laws of the State of Florida. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the 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)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, its rules and regulations, all as amended now or hereafter, or any organization to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, its rules and regulations, all as amended now or hereafter.

ARTICLE V
DURATION

The Corporation shall commence existence on the filing of these Articles of Incorporation, and shall have perpetual duration.

ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be located at 225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801. The initial registered agent at the address shall be Kevin C. Knowlton, Esquire.

ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME:

Kevin C. Knowlton

ADDRESS:225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300
Lakeland, Florida 33801

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ARTICLE VIII
NO PRIVATE INUREMENT

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, member, trustee, or officer of the Corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX
DISTRIBUTIONS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to a charitable, scientific, religious, literary, or educational organization which at that time qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended.

ARTICLE X
MEMBER

The sole member ("Member") of the Corporation is Southeastern University, Inc., which is a Florida not for profit corporation and is a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XI
DIRECTORS

The affairs and property of this Corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors, composed of not less than three (3) individuals. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation; provided that in no event shall the Corporation have less than three (3) Directors. The bylaws shall provide the method of election for Directors. The Corporation may in its bylaws confer powers upon its Board of Directors in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon them by statute.

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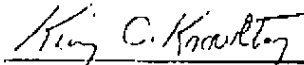
To the extent permitted by Florida law, the Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, as provided in the bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation may be altered, amended or rescinded from time to time as and when approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total voting members of the Executive Committee of the Corporation's sole Member, Southeastern University, Inc.

For the purpose of forming this Corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, 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 Florida Statutes Section 817.155.

INCORPORATOR:



KEVIN C. KNOWLTON, an authorized representative of the Corporation's sole Member, Southeastern University, Inc.

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CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for American Center For Public Leadership, Inc. at the office designated in the foregoing Articles, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

REGISTERED AGENT:

Kevin C. Knowlton
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Date: 2/26/2024

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Lakeland, Florida 33801

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