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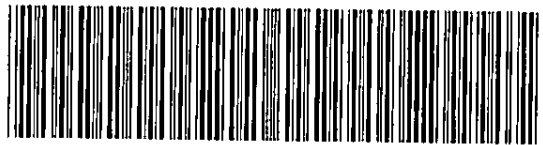
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SUBJECT: Champions Ranch, Inc
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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
CHAMPIONS RANCH, INC.
(A Corporation Not for Profit)**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**I.
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of the Corporation shall be Champions Ranch, Inc. (hereinafter the "Corporation").

**II.
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 3551 Blairstone Road, Suite 128-217, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

**III.
PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation are formed:

This Corporation's purposes are solely and entirely charitable, religious, spiritual, educational and scientific, solely within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC"), and for the purpose of engaging in any lawful act or activity not for pecuniary profit for which not-for-profit corporations may be organized, so far as is or may be permitted by the laws of the State of Florida and IRC Section 501(c)(3), and within such type of activities, its purposes include:

A. To provide youth with support, mentoring, coaching and educational opportunities to encourage youth to make meaningful life choices, develop teamwork skills, prepare them for adult life, work and recreation, including by owning and operating a youth sports complex which shall include facilities for motivational speakers and role models.

B. To provide vocational and employment opportunities for youth.

C. To sponsor workshops and educational forums, both in person and online, to allow education and discussion of life lessons and spiritual guidance to the youth.

D. To encourage community support for youth through participation in sports.

E. To provide research to improve overall wellness outcomes for the youth and the community.

F. To take all actions to advance the purposes described above.

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IV.
**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors ("Board") consisting of not less than 3 directors and not more than 9 directors (each a "Director"). The initial Board Directors are:

Charlie Ward Jr., Chairman
3551 Blairstone Road, Suite 128-217
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Lawton Langford
5002 Brill Point
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tonja Ward, Vice Chairman
3551 Blairstone Road, Suite 128-217
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Thereafter the election of the Directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

V.
POWERS AND LIMITATIONS

To accomplish the foregoing objectives and purposes, and for no other purpose, the Corporation shall have powers granted by (Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes), as amended from time to time, along with the following powers, all subject to the limitations hereafter provided:

A. To solicit, accept, and collect pledges, donations, contributions, and gifts in cash or in property, and to take and to hold, by bequest, devise, gift and purchase or lease, either absolutely or in trust, for its objects and purposes or any of them, any property, real, personal or mixed, without limitation as to the amount, except such limitation, if any, as may be imposed by law; to sell, convey and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the principal thereof, and to deal with and to expend the income therefrom or the principal thereof for any of the Corporation's objectives and purposes, without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received; to receive any property, real, personal or mixed, in trust under the terms of any will, deed of trust, or other trust instrument for the foregoing purposes, or any of them (but for no other purposes), and in administering the same to carry out the directions and to exercise the powers contained in the trust instrument under which the property is received, including the expenditure of principal, as well as income, for one or more of such purposes if authorized or directed in the trust instrument under which it is received.

B. To create and control other corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, or organizations deemed advisable to best accomplish the purposes of this Corporation.

C. To acquire by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise any property, real, personal or mixed, including interests in oil, gas and other minerals, stocks, bonds, notes, and other interests or obligations of corporations, partnerships, or other business organizations.

D. To own, hold, sell, convey, lease, and otherwise manage, contract with reference to, or

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dispose of all or any part of its assets, real or personal, on any terms and conditions as may be lawful, and likewise to invest all proceeds and income of such assets in any type or kind of property, real, personal, or mixed, as appears advisable and as permitted of corporations by law, and if deemed advisable by the Board, the Corporation may enter into any general, special or limited partnership as a general, special or limited partner or become a member of any limited liability company.

E. To borrow money, execute notes, mortgages, trust indentures, bonds, and to enter into such other contracts as shall be deemed advisable by the Board and in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

F. To have and maintain such office or offices and related equipment as are necessary to administer the affairs of the Corporation and to do any and all things necessary in the premises in order to effectively receive, administer, manage, operate, disburse, and control any funds and or property of any nature which the Corporation may have.

G. In fulfilling its objectives and purposes, as hereinabove set out, and its powers, the Corporation shall be subject to the following limitations:

(1) At no time, either on dissolution or prior thereto, shall any part of the funds or assets of the Corporation inure to the benefit of any private individual (other than by grants in aid in conformity with the purposes hereinabove enumerated and except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes), nor be used for the purpose of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

(2) Any income received by the Corporation shall be applied only to the nonprofit purposes and objectives of the Corporation set forth herein and no part thereof during membership or upon termination of membership shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from Federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3) or IRC Section 170(c)(2) and the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(4) The Corporation shall at no time participate in or intervene in any way, including the publishing or distribution of statements, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

None of the officers or Directors shall be required to furnish any bond or surety and none of them shall be responsible or liable for the acts of omissions of any other officer or Director or predecessor officer or Director.

The Directors shall have all the powers, except as herein limited, as provided by common law and the State of Florida and such other states as the Corporation may function in, including the power to adopt Bylaws to govern the conduct of its business.

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VI.
TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term for which this Corporation shall exist shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

VII.
MEMBERSHIP

The sole member of the Corporation shall be The Charlie and Tonja Ward Family Foundation Inc. unless expanded in accordance with the Bylaws.

VIII.
BYLAWS

The initial Board of the Corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered or modified in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

IX.
REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office of the Corporation shall be located at 3551 Blirstone Road, Suite 128-217 Tallahassee, FL 32301 and the registered agent shall be Tonja Ward.

X.
INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent of or in any other capacity with another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

No director shall be personally liable to the Corporation or any member for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for any matter in respect of which such director shall be liable by reason that, in addition to any and all other requirements for liability, he or she:

- (i) shall have breached his or her duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its members;
- (ii) shall not have acted in good faith or, in failing to act, shall not have acted in good faith;

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(iii) shall have acted in a manner involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or, in failing to act, shall have acted in a manner involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; or

(iv) shall have derived an improper personal benefit.

XI. **DISSOLUTION**

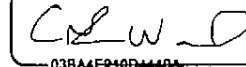
Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed first to The Charlie and Tonja Ward Family Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Florida corporation, and, in the event that The Charlie and Tonja Ward Family Foundation, Inc. is no longer a qualified 501(c)(3) organization or declines the distribution, then the Corporation's assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Florida court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

XII. **AMENDMENT**

The Corporation reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereto, by vote of an absolute majority of the Board unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this ____ day of April, 2024.
4/19/2024

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Charlie Ward Jr., Incorporator
3551 Blainstone Road, Suite 128-21
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE
OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

The undersigned Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the Corporation is Champions Ranch, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent in office is: **Tonja Ward**, Address: 3551 Blairstone Road, Suite 128-217, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate 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 statute 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.

DocuSigned by:

Tonja H. Ward

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Tonja Ward

Registered Agent

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