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SUBJECT: Leadership Polk Alumni Association, 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
LEADERSHIP POLK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
(Not for Profit Corporation)

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the corporation shall be *Leadership Polk Alumni Association, Inc.*

ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE/MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office of the corporation shall be 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, FL 33803.
The mailing address of the corporation shall be c/o Polk Vision 999 Avenue H NE, #79, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are as follows:

- (a) The Corporation is formed exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to promote the common business interests of the Polk County community. In furtherance of, but not in addition to, such purposes, the Corporation may
- (1) take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise, any property (real or personal, tangible or intangible) or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to the amount or value;
 - (2) sell, convey or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest or deal with the principal or the income thereof in such manner as, in the judgment of the directors, would best promote the purposes of the Corporation, without limitation, except such limitations (if any) as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Corporation, or any laws applicable thereto; and
 - (3) do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors, officers, members, or of any private individual.
- (b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Corporation is formed as a Community Forum:
- (1) to provide a continual source of information to its members concerning local community affairs through meetings, forums,

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social gatherings and similar programs;

- (2) to provide opportunities to permit members to exchange ideas with local elected officials, legislators and community leaders;
- (3) to encourage, through its programs, the interaction and networking between members of the Corporation;
- (4) to identify community needs and to participate with others in developing solutions to those needs; and
- (5) to achieve substantial community involvement by its members.

The Leadership Polk Alumni Association members shall be encouraged to take specific actions consistent with the foregoing in order to have a positive impact on the economic health, leadership and quality of life in the community.

- (c) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid by the Corporation for services actually rendered to or for it affecting one or more of its exempt purposes). No member, director, or officer of the Corporation, and no private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of testing for public safety or the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (d) If, at any time, the Corporation is classified as a private foundation by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 509 of the Code, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax law, then the following provisions shall become effective:
 - (1) The Corporation shall distribute income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner and amount so as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax law;
 - (2) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed under Section 4941(a) of the Code, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax law;
 - (3) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943(a) or (b) of the Code, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax law;
 - (4) The Corporation shall not make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes within

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the meaning of Section 4944 of the Code so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4944(a) or (b) of the Code, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax law; and

- (5) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945(a) of the Code, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax law.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(6) of the Code and its regulations (as now in existence and effect or as they may from time to time hereafter be amended).
- (f) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and its regulations (as now in existence and effect or as they may from time to time hereafter be amended), or shall be distributed to the Federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The authorized number, qualification and manner of election and appointment of members of the Board of Directors and Officers of this corporation shall be set forth in the Bylaws of this corporation. Initially, there shall be at least eleven (11) with a maximum of twenty-one (21) members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Jeanette Crowley
Chair, Director
2846 Blush Drive
Lakeland, FL 33813

T. Chad Barron
Treasurer, Director
312 Medora Street
Auburndale, FL 33823

Lauren Hinton
Director
810 De La Bosque Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830

Marc Zimmerman
Vice-Chair, Director
5323 Verana Ct.
Lakeland, FL 33813

Shawn Sherrouse
Director
3112 Legends Circle
Lakeland, FL 33803

Deena Drumgo
Director
1732 Rocky Pointe Drive
Lakeland, FL 33813

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Virginia Aycock
Director
623 Oriole Drive
Lakeland, FL 33803

Michael Carnevale
Director
1524 17th Street NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Jee Hoon Kim
Director
1235 Berkley Road
Auburndale, FL 33823

Terrie Lobb
Director
910 E. Stuart Street
Bartow, FL 33830

Cindy Rodriguez
Director
3411 Ashling Drive
Lakeland, FL 33803

William Brian Yates
Director
1111 Interlochen Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Stacy Campbell-Domineck
Director
216 Birch Lane
Lakeland, FL 33813

Dr. Pamela Craven
Director
13 Loma Alta
Lakeland, FL 33813

Ileana Kniss
Director
2818 High Winds Lane
Lakeland, FL 33813

Cody McGhee
Director
1444 Magnolia Lane
Auburndale, FL 33823

Donna Sheehan
Director
626 Hart Lake Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33884

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ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is *Kim Long, 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, FL 33803*. 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 the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Kim N. Long
Kim Long

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Date

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ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATOR

The name and Florida street address of the incorporator is *Kim Long, c/o Polk Vision 999 Avenue H NE, #79, Winter Haven, FL 33881.*

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 Sec. 817.155, Florida Statutes.

Kim N. Long
Kim Long, Incorporator

06 / 17 / 2024
Date

ARTICLE VIII
NOT FOR PROFIT

This corporation is organized pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Act. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its officers, directors or other private persons, 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 the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE IX
DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a 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 a public purpose.

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ARTICLE X
EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Articles of Incorporation shall be the date of filing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation at Lakeland, Florida, on 06 / 17 / 2024.

INCORPORATOR

Kim N. Long

Kim Long

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

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