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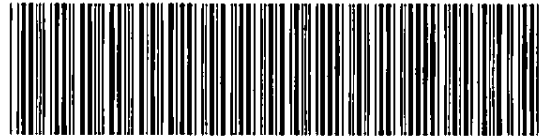
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HEARTLAND EXCELLENCE & ADVANCEMENT FOR RURAL TEACHING FOUNDATION, INC.
(A non-profit corporation)**

The undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby form a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation is:

HEARTLAND EXCELLENCE & ADVANCEMENT FOR RURAL TEACHING FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purposes and powers of the corporation are:

(a) For all purposes exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(b) To do everything necessary, proper, advisable, or convenient for the accomplishment of the purposes or powers set forth in this article, and to do all other things incidental thereto or connected therewith, which are not forbidden by law or these articles of incorporation.

(c) The purposes or powers set forth in this article are not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the non-profit corporation law of the State of Florida.

(d) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, 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 in Article Third hereof. 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, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(e) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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 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 such purposes.

(f) The corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(g) The corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(h) The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(i) The corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(j) The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members

ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE V. ADDRESS

The street address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 1096 US 27 N, Lake Placid, FL 33852. The Board of Directors may designate a different principal office from time to time.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and such other officers as may be provided in the by-laws, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members on the first of January. Officers who are to serve until the next election of officers are:

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS
President	Whitney McGee	1096 US 27 N. Lake Placid, FL 33852
Secretary	Mandy Watson	1096 US 27 N. Lake Placid, FL 33852
Treasurer	Ashley Gill	1096 US 27 N. Lake Placid, FL 33852

ARTICLE VII. DIRECTORS

The corporation shall be managed by a board of not less than three directors. Directors who are to serve until the first election of directors are:

DONNA GARCIA, 1096 US 27 N. Lake Placid, FL 33852
ALICE DAVIS, 1096 US 27 N. Lake Placid, FL 33852
DEBRA ELLIOTT, 1096 US 27 N. Lake Placid, FL 33852

The Directors shall be elected by the method stated in the bylaws of this corporation.

ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATOR

The names and street addresses of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

WHITNEY MCGEE, 1096 US 27 N, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

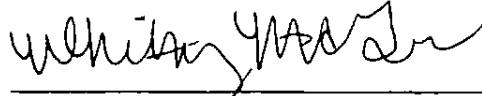
ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or appeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law.

ARTICLE XI. REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The corporation hereby designates as its registered office 1096 US 27 N. Lake Placid, FL 33852 and WHITNEY MCGEE, and its registered agent, who is located at the same address for service of process.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned Incorporator, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of November 2024, for the purpose of forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and I hereby make and file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation, and certify that the facts herein stated are true.

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WHITNEY MCGEE, Subscriber

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

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WHITNEY MCGEE, Registered Agent