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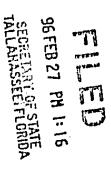
Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Empiricism Inc.

Enclosed is an original copy of the articles of incorporation, a signed copy of designation and acceptance of registered agent, and a check for \$131.25 (filing fee, certified copy & certificate).

Correspondence can be mailed to: Empiricism Inc. 2002 Philly Rd. Cantonment, FL 32533 (904) 937-0596

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### Articles of Incorporation of 96 FEB 27 PH 1:16 EMPIRICISM INC. A Florida Corporation Not for Profit SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Article I Name The name of the corporation shall be Empiricism Inc.

Article II Mailing Address
The place in this state where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is the City of Pensacola, Escambia County Florida.

The mailing address of this corporation shall be: Empiricism INC. 2002 Philly Rd. Cantonment, FL 32533

Article III <u>Purpose</u>

The general objective and purpose of this corporation shall be: To foster and aid youth through development of programs for the purpose of enhancing their lives.

To provide and interact in any activities to achieve the above stated purpose which is consistent with, connected to, or related in any way with stated purpose. However, in no event shall any activity undertaken in fulfilling the purpose set forth above shall be inconsistent with the corporation's tax-exempt status as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Article IV
Initial Board of Directors/Officers

a) This corporation shall consist of not less than four (4) members, who shall be known as Directors. The number of Directors may be increased from time to time by the by-laws, but there shall always be at least four (4) Directors.

Board members shall consist of members from education, community based organizations, rehabilitation agencies and the private sector. Each prospective appointed to membership must be submitted by the Board of Directors. Membership to Board of Directors must obtain a majority vote by existing Board of Directors.

The term of membership shall commence on August 1st of the year in which each member is appointed and, unless otherwise provided in these articles, such terms shall be for three (3) years.

All Directors shall be natural persons who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

The presence of 3 Directors shall be necessary at any meeting to transact business.

The name and residence addresses of the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows:

Rick Shackle 710 Scienic Hwy #303 Pensacola, FL 32503

Belinda McCoy 11618 Wakefield Drive Pensacola, FL 32514

Herbert Hale 1006 Barcia Rd. Pensacola, FL 32503

Darnell Sims 2002 Philly Rd. Cantonment, FL 32533

b) There shall be 4 officers of the corporation who shall be known as a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. From time to time, the Board of Directors may provide for other officers and their respective duties.

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office for 2 years, or until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified. Officers vacancies shall be filled at the discretion of the Board, upon approval of a majority of the Directors.

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election under the articles of incorporation are as follows:

Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer Darnell Sims Rick Shackle Belinda McCoy Herbert Hale Article V Limitations of Corporate Powers

No part of the not 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.

Article VI Initial Registered Agent

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is: Darnell Sims 2002 Philly Rd. Cantonment, FL 32533

Article VII Incorporators

The name(s) and the street address(es) of the incorporator(s) for these articles of incorporation is(are):

Rick Shackle 710 Scienic Hwy #303 Pensacola, FL 32503

Darnell Sims 2002 Philly Rd. Cantonment, FL 32533 Herbert Hale 1006 Barcia Rd. Pensacola, FL 32503

Belinda McCoy 11618 Wakefield Drive Pensacola, FL 32514 Article VIII
Dissolution

No person, firm, or corporation shall ever receive any d. idends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation.

Upon dissolution of this corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all creditors, costs, and expenses shall be distributed, as determined by the Board of Directors, acting as trustees, at the time of dissolution to some organization which has qualified for exemption under section 501(c) (3) and 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

In no instance will the absets of the corporation be distributed to any officer, director, or member of this corporation.

Article IX Amyndments to Articles of Incorporation

The articles of incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of Board of Directors at the annual, a regular, or special meeting of the Board of Directors duly called, the written notice for which shall contain the proposed amendment in the form in which any such amendment is to be considered at any such meeting.

In Witness whereof, we have beceunto subscribed our names this 26th day of <u>FEB</u> 1996, at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida.

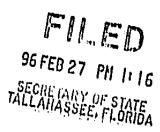
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Belinda McCoy



Designation of Registered Agent

The name of the corporation is:

Empiricism Inc.

The name and address of the registered agent is:

Empiricism Inc.
Darnoll Sims
2002 Philly Rd.
Cantonment, FL 32533

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with all provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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May 30, 1997

Belinda McCoy 11618 Wakefield Drive Pensacola, Florida 32514

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Florida Department of State Sandra B. Mortham Secretary Of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

To whom it may concern:

Implement my resignation from Empiricism Inc., contract #A6012 effective immediately. The position of Secretary is now vacant and can be filled at the discretion of the elected Board.

Sincerely,

Belinda McCoy

Secretary

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Commission No. CC 446804

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#### Florida Department of State, Sandra B. Mortham, Secretary of State

#### OFFICER / DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

1, Belinda McCo, hereby resign as Secretory
of Empiricism Inc.
(Name of Corporation)

a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida

and affirm that the corporation has been notified in writing of the resignation.

(Signature of resigning officer/director)

FILING FEE IS \$35.00

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May 30, 1997

Rick Shackle 710 Scenic Highway #303 Pensacola, Florida 32503

Florida Department of State Sandra B. Mortham Secretary Of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314 600002220206--7 -06/23/97--01132--006 \*\*\*\*\*35.00 \*\*\*\*\*35.00

To whom it may concern:

Implement my resignation from Empiricism Inc., contract #A6012 effective immediately:
The position of Vice-Chairman / Program Director is now vacant and can be filled at the discretion of the elected Board.

Sincerely,

Rick Shackle

Vice-Chairman / Program Director

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#### Florida Department of State, Sandra B. Mortham, Secretary of State

#### OFFICER / DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

1. Sund Shalle, hereby resign as Vice Chauman Program Lines.
of Englisein clac (Name of Corporation)
a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida
and affirm that the corporation has been notified in writing of the resignation.
(Signature of resigning officer/director)

#### FILING FEE IS \$35.00

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