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

Re: Filing of Articles of Incorporation for
Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. ("STAND")

Dear Sir / Madam:

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$70.00, along with
the Articles of Incorporation for the not-for-profit corporation,
Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. ("STAND").

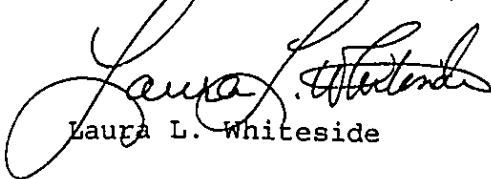
Please process as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to
contact me or the officers of the corporation regarding same.

Thank you.

With warm regards,

LAURA L. WHITESIDE, P. A.


Laura L. Whiteside

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SUBJECT: STATEWIDE ADVOCACY NETWORK ON DISABILITIES, INC.
Ref. Number: W96000025546

We have received your document for STATEWIDE ADVOCACY NETWORK ON DISABILITIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation. A statement making reference to the bylaws is acceptable.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6932.

Kimberly Rolfe
Document Specialist

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
STATEWIDE ADVOCACY NETWORK ON DISABILITIES, INC.
a Florida Nonprofit Corporation**

We, the undersigned incorporators, hereby associate ourselves together and make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and do agree to the following:

ARTICLE ONE. Name and Address: The name of the Corporation is Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. The initial principal office shall be 318 South Edison Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33606.

ARTICLE TWO. Duration: The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE THREE. Purposes: The purpose of the Corporation is as follows:

A. Vision Statement: Individuals with a disability will progress unimpeded toward their full potential, realizing their educational and life goals. Securing rights and responsibilities under the law guarantees opportunity and freedom to maximize abilities, thereby promoting lifelong achievers.

B. Mission Statement: The Corporation is a non-profit organization that will provide a community service to all individuals with disabilities and all those concerned with their needs. We will offer education to expand knowledge and skills necessary to realize the educational rights and responsibilities under the law of persons with disabilities. The Corporation will equip those we serve with trained resource personnel to advocate for individuals with disabilities. When appropriate, resources or referrals for legal representation for selected cases will be provided. The purposes of this Corporation shall be accomplished through programs that will include, but not be limited to, the following objectives:

1. Increase community awareness of the issues that affect individuals with disabilities;
2. Provide access to information related to the rights of persons with disabilities, special education law, and legal and administrative procedures to secure such rights;
3. Equip trained resource members to assist individuals with disabilities and their families in the administrative procedures related to assuring a "free and appropriate public education" to individuals with disabilities;

4. Develop, coordinate and maintain a referral panel of attorneys who are concerned and interested in the rights of persons with disabilities;

5. Provide resources or referrals for selected legal cases where the principal or issue involved may have a significant impact upon the rights of individuals with disabilities.

C. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Accordingly, the Purposes and Powers of this Corporation are limited as follows:

1. This Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Officer of the Corporation or any Member of the Corporation or any other 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 Officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on the dissolution of the Corporation. 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 or intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

2. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner so as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

3. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

4. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

5. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner so as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or

provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

6. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

8. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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.

D. With the exception of the limitations imposed above, to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.

E. Provided, however, that the Corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, or officers; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.

ARTICLE FOUR. Members: The Corporation shall have Voting Members, who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Board of Directors, and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for Nonvoting

Supporting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights as privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote.

The name and address of each initial Voting Member is as follows:

| Name | Address |
|--------------------|---|
| Jean Caldicott | 13201-A Thomasville Circle, Tampa, FL 33617 |
| Mark S. Kamleiter | 600 First Avenue N., Suite 206 St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3609 |
| Richard LaBelle | 3446 Lake Dr., Palm Harbor, FL 34683 |
| Karen Moore | 3311 Barcelona St., Tampa, FL 33629 |
| Richard Sheppard | 4339 Swift Cir., Valrico, FL 33594 |
| Nikole Whitehead | 1609 Palace Ct., Valrico, FL 33594 |
| Laura L. Whiteside | 318 S. Edison Ave. Tampa, FL 33606 |

ARTICLE FIVE. Initial Registered Agent and Office: The initial registered agent is **Laura L. Whiteside** and the initial registered office is located at **318 So. Edison Ave., Tampa, FL 33606**.

ARTICLE SIX. Initial Board of Directors: The initial Board of Directors shall have seven members whose names and addresses are:

| Name | Address |
|-------------------|---|
| Jean Caldicott | 13201-A Thomasville Circle, Tampa, FL 33617 |
| Mark S. Kamleiter | 600 First Avenue N., Suite 206 St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3609 |
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The number of directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws, but shall in no case be less than three. The directors shall be appointed or elected in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE SEVEN. Officers: The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other officers may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

| Office | Name | Address |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| President: | Mark S. Kamleiter | 600 First Avenue N., Suite 206 St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3609 |
| Vice-President: | Nikole Whitehead | 1609 Palace Ct. Valrico, FL 33594 |
| Secretary: | Karen Moore | 3311 Barcelona St. Tampa, FL 33629 |
| Treasurer: | Richard LaBelle | 3446 Lake Dr. Palm Harbor, FL 34683 |

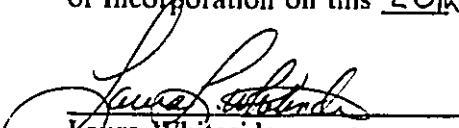
ARTICLE EIGHT. Incorporators: The names and addresses of the incorporators of this Corporation are:

| Name | Address |
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| Jean Caldicott | 13201-A Thomasville Circle, Tampa, FL 33617 |
| Karen Moore | 3311 Barcelona St., Tampa, FL 33629 |
| Richard Sheppard | 4339 Swift Cir., Valrico, FL 33594 |
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ARTICLE NINE. Nonstock Basis. The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE TEN. Dissolution: Upon the dissolution, liquidation, abandonment or winding up of this Corporation and its affairs, no part of the assets and properties of this Corporation available for distribution shall inure to the benefit of any private person, except a fund, foundation or Corporation organized and operated for similar purposes, and upon any such dissolution, liquidation, abandonment or winding up of this Corporation and its affairs, after the debts and liabilities of the Corporation have been paid or adequately provided for, the assets and properties of the Corporation shall be distributed to such Foundation or Corporation, having a purpose consistent with or related to the purposes of this Corporation as the directors of the this Corporation may then direct. In the event that this Corporation has been granted exemption from the Federal Income Tax, any Foundation or Corporation receiving the assets and properties of this Corporation must qualify under the existing Internal Revenue Codes to receive such assets.

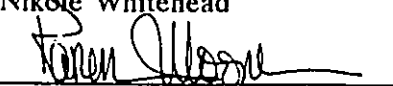
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 26th day of November, 1996.


Laura Whiteside


Jean Caldicott


Richard Sheppard


Nikole Whitehead


Karen Moore

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COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH)

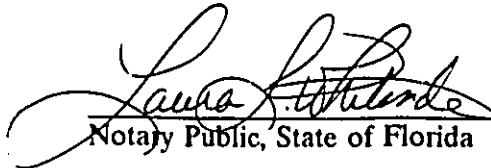
Before me personally appeared Jean Caldicott, Richard Sheppard, Nikole Whitehead and Karen Moore, each of whom is to me well known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and who acknowledged to and before me that he or she executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 26th day of November, 1996.

(Notary Seal)

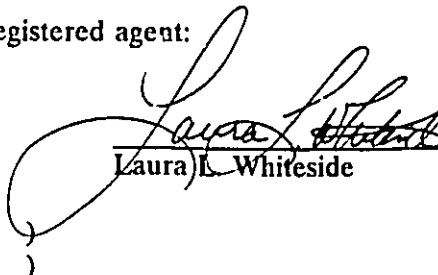


LAURA L. WHITESIDE
My Commission CC340799
Expires Jan. 09, 1998
Bonded by HAI
800-422-1555



Notary Public, State of Florida

I hereby accept designation as registered agent:



Laura L. Whiteside

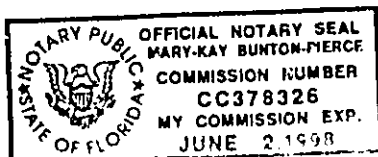
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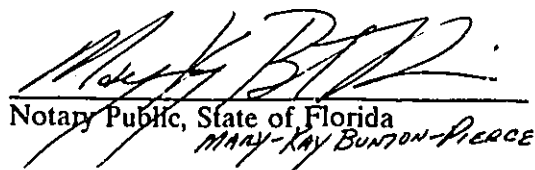
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Before me personally appeared Laura L. Whiteside, who is to me well known or has presented me with his or her driver's license as identification and is known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that he or she executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 27th day of November, 1996.

(Notary Seal)





Notary Public, State of Florida
MARY-KAY BUNTON-PIERCE