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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**CASA OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, INC.**

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**A nonprofit corporation as defined  
in Louisiana Revised Statutes,  
Title 12, Sections 201, et seq.**

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on this, the 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine, before me, the undersigned notary public, duly commissioned, qualified, and acting as such, in and for the state and parish aforesaid, personally came and appeared Stacy L. Guice and Wendy E. W. Giovingo, who declared that availing themselves of the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 12, Sections 201, et seq., do by these presents organize themselves and those who may hereafter become associated with them into a nontrading, nonprofit corporation, without stock, for the objects and purposes and under the stipulations and agreements hereinafter set forth, which they adopt as their charter, to wit:

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be CASA of the Fourth Judicial District, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. DURATION**

This corporation shall have and enjoy perpetual corporate existence, unless dissolved pursuant to law.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSES**

Section 1. This corporation is a nonprofit corporation as defined in Section 201, subsection 7, of Title 12, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended, and it generally shall possess all the rights, powers, privileges, capacities, and immunities which nonprofit corporations are authorized and may hereafter be authorized to possess under the Constitution and laws of this state, and particularly under Title 12, Section 201, et seq.,

of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by the corporation exempt from federal income tax under the applicable subsections of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

**Section 2.** This corporation is organized for the advocacy of children in the court and foster care systems within the Fourth Judicial District of Louisiana, and to do any and all things germane, incidental, and necessary to carry these objects and purposes into full effect.

**Section 3.** In order to carry out its objects and purposes, and without limitation of the powers conferred upon it by law, this corporation shall be capable in law and shall have full power to purchase, lease, receive, take, hold, own, possess, enjoy, administer, and retain to it and its successors, property, land, rents, tenements, stock, goods, chattels, and effects of whatever nature, kind, or quality, whether real, personal, or mixed, by gift, grant, sale, lease, transfer, bequest, testament, legacy, or by any other mode of conveyance or transfer whatsoever; and to give, grant, bargain, sell, convey, transfer, alienate, effect, lease, mortgage, hypothecate, and otherwise dispose of or encumber, and also to improve and augment such property, land, rents, tenements, stock, goods, chattel, and effects of all natures whatsoever of which it may become possessed. It shall have the power to make a corporate seal and to break, alter, or abolish this seal and to break, alter, or abolish this seal at pleasure; and further, it shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to execute notes, bond, or other evidences of debt.

#### **ARTICLE IV. REGISTERED OFFICE**

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, and the location and address of its registered office shall be P.O. Box 5096, Monroe, LA 71201-5096.; 2811 Cameron Avenue, Monroe, LA 71201.

#### **ARTICLE V. REGISTERED AGENTS**

The full name and post office address of the corporation's registered agent is as follows:

Clara Moss Sartor  
Snellings, Breard, Sartor, Inabnett & Trascher, LLP  
P.O. Box 2055 or 1503 North 19th Street  
Monroe, LA 71207 Monroe, LA 71201

## **ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1.** The members shall be each person elected or appointed to the board of directors of the this corporation for the length of the term that the person serves on the board of directors of this corporation. These members shall have the right to one vote each subject to any conditions or limitations contained herein or in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation.
- Section 2.** The Board of Directors of this corporation may establish a class of non-voting membership consisting of persons who have paid dues as established by the Board of Directors in support of this corporation.
- Section 3.** The corporation's records as kept by the Secretary of this corporation shall be conclusive evidence as to the membership of the corporation and suffrage eligibility. Transfer of the voting membership shall occur upon the swearing-in of a new board member and the transfer shall be from the out-going board member to the in-coming board member. Non-voting memberships are non-transferable.

## **ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section 1.** All corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and all business and affairs shall be managed by a Board of Directors or their designee.
- Section 2.** The Board of Directors of this corporation shall consist of the number of persons designated by the bylaws of this corporation; however, the board of directors shall not consist of fewer than seven persons, nor more than twelve persons. The initial Board of Directors shall be appointed in this charter and shall serve in such capacity until they are replaced by the membership of this corporation. Board members shall be selected by the membership as prescribed by the bylaws; however, two members of the board shall always be appointed by the Junior League of Monroe, Inc. or its successor from its membership.
- Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership annually on or before the first day in July of each year and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Members shall serve staggered terms to ensure consistency of the board of directors.
- Section 4.** Upon election, the Board of Directors shall elect from their number a president; a secretary; and a treasurer. The positions of secretary and treasurer may be held by one person.

**Section 5.** Any vacancy occurring among the Board of Directors of this corporation by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by election by the membership of the corporation for the unexpired term at the next regular or called business meeting of the corporation.

**Section 6.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to sell, purchase, mortgage, or hypothecate any real property standing in the name of the corporation or to be acquired by the corporation, subject to the approval of the membership thereof duly convened.

**Section 7.** The Board of Directors shall establish the frequency of its own meetings and shall provide for call meetings upon request of a majority of the membership thereof. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any meeting held by the Board.

**Section 8.** The first Board of Directors of this corporation shall be composed of the following persons who shall serve for at least the term designated below and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless otherwise removed in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this corporation:

1. Jeaninne Ballance - two year term, 1702 Heritage Circle-K, (71201)
  2. Wendy E. W. Giovingo - two year term, 503 Auburn Ave. (71201)
  3. Harlene Brothers - one year term, 2709 LaSalle (71201)
  4. Stacy L. Guice - two year term, 2206 Park Ave. (71201)
  5. Betty Jo Harris - two year term, 101 Country Club Rd. (71201)
  6. Donna Kokinos - one year term, 4810 Bon Aire Dr. (71203)
  7. Felicia Kostelka - one year term, 2111 Maywood Dr. (71201)
- All at: Monroe, Louisiana

#### **ARTICLE VIII.COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall establish a Community Advisory Panel. The pupose of the Community Advisory Panel shall be to provide community feedback and suggestions to the Board of Directors and to assist in corporate promotion and solicitation of volunteers from the communities which this corporation serves.

**Section 2.** The members of the community Advisory Panel shall be elected by the Board of Directors from the communities which this corporation serves.

**Section 3.** The panel shall consist of at least five members but no more than twelve members.

**Section 4.** The panel members shall serve two year staggered terms. The initial panel membership shall have approximately ½ of the panel members serve one year terms to ensure continuity of the panel.

**Section 5.** The meetings of the panel shall be called by the president of the Board of Directors.

**Section 6.** The panel year shall be from March to March.

#### **ARTICLE IX. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** An annual meeting of the membership of this corporation shall be held on or before the last day of June of each year, the specific date to be selected by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Special meetings of the membership of this corporation may be called any time by the president or by the Board of Directors. At the written request of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership in good standing, a meeting of this corporation shall be called by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** Notification to the members of this corporation of any meeting of the members to be held as hereinabove provided shall be given either by written notice of the meeting or by notice of the meeting to be published in any newspaper in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes. The time, place, and date on which the meeting shall be held shall be included in notice. Notice to the members shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which a meeting is called. Notice may be waived in writing by the member or by the member's presence at the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE X. BANK DEPOSITS**

The Board of Directors shall have full authority to designate banks or other institutions for the deposit of funds of the corporation. All checks or demands for money and notes of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or other person as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

#### **ARTICLE XI. FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XII. GENERAL**

**Section 1.** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other 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 III, Section 2, hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise

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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 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 the applicable subsections of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation that the contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**Section 2.** No member, director, officer, panel member, employee, or volunteer of this corporation shall ever be personally liable or responsible for any debts, liabilities, or obligations of this corporation nor shall any individual member of this corporation have any share or interest in any of the assets or income of this corporation which is organized as a nonprofit corporation, the assets of which shall belong solely to the corporation itself. If any member ceases to be a member of this corporation, he shall have no interest in any of the property, rights, or credits of the corporation.

**Section 3.** Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of 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 applicable subsections of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita or the district court of the parish in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the such purposes or to such organization or organizations as that Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### **ARTICLE XIII. INCORPORATORS**

The full name and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are as follows:

Stacy L. Guice  
2206 Park Avenue  
Monroe, LA 71201

Wendy E.W. Giovingo  
503 Auburn Avenue  
Monroe, LA 71201



**ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These articles may be modified, altered, or amended by the majority vote of the members present at any annual or special meeting of the corporation held pursuant to Article IX.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, on the date first above written in the presence of the undersigned legal and competent witnesses and notary public.

WITNESSES:

Donna Smith

Stacy L. Guice  
Stacy L. Guice

Sara Patterson

Wendy E. W. Giovingo  
Wendy E. W. Giovingo

Lavenia F. Willis  
NOTARY PUBLIC

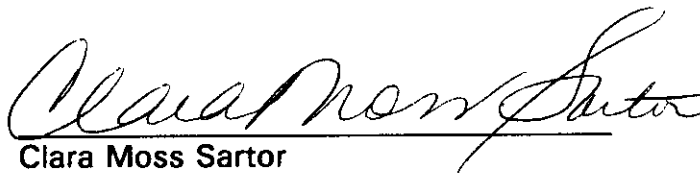
**AFFIDAVIT OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT**  
**BY DESIGNATED REGISTERED AGENT**

TO: Corporations Division  
Secretary of State  
P. O. Box 94125  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

Before the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, personally came and appeared Clara Moss Sartor, who is to me known to be the person, and who, being duly sworn, acknowledged to me that he does hereby accept appointment as the Registered Agent of CASA OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, INC., which is a corporation authorized to transact business in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana.

  
Clara Moss Sartor

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, Notary Public, in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

**CASA of the Fourth Judicial District, Inc.**  
**Amendments to Articles of Incorporation**

**ARTICLE III.        PURPOSES**

Section 4.        The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE XII. GENERAL**

Section 3.        Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under applicable subsections of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita or the district court of the parish in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as that Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I, Wendy E. W. Giovingo do hereby certify:

(i) That I am the duly elected and qualified Secretary/Treasurer of the Corporation and, as such, have access to the Corporation's records;

(ii) That the above and amendment to the articles is a true and correct restatement of amendments adopted by the voting members of the Corporation by unanimous consent dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999;

(iii) That none of the amendments set forth above have been amended, modified, or rescinded and each such amendment is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

Signed at Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, on the 13th day of August, 1999.

Witnesses:

Regena Lynch  
D. Sager

CASA of the Fourth Judicial District, Inc.

Monah E. Guince  
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Stacy L. Guice  
Notary Public

I, Stacy L. Guice do hereby certify:

(i) That I am the duly elected and qualified President of the Corporation and, as such, have access to the Corporation's records;

(ii) That the above and amendment to the articles is a true and correct restatement of amendments adopted by the voting members of the Corporation by unanimous consent dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999;

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Signed at Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, on the 13th day of August, 1999.

Witnesses:

Regena Lynch  
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CASA of the Fourth Judicial District, Inc.

Stacy L. Guice  
President, Board of Directors

Monah E. Guince  
Notary Public

AMENDMENT TO  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

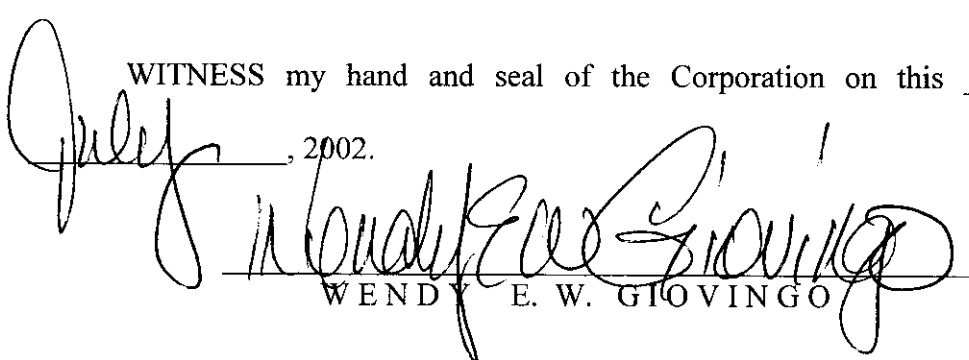
PARISH OF OUACHITA

WENDY E. W. GIOVINGO, being duly sworn and deposed, stating that she is the current President, and that at a meeting of the board of directors of CASA OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, INC., (the "Corporation"), held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002, at the offices of the Corporation, pursuant to notice duly given, the following amendment was duly proposed, seconded, and unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the said Corporation, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that based upon a written legal opinion as to the effect of a name change, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to change name from CASA of the Fourth Judicial District, Inc., to CASA of Northeast Louisiana, Inc., and to make all necessary changes in the operations to reflect such a name change.

WENDY E. W. GIOVINGO, President, does hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the amendment of this Corporation adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2002, and that the same has not been modified or rescinded.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Corporation on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002.

  
WENDY E. W. GIOVINGO

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned Notary on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002, in Monroe, Louisiana.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

CASA OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 29, 2002

- I. Call to order  
The regularly scheduled meeting of CASA of the Fourth Judicial District, Inc. was held on May 29, 2002 at the CASA office, Monroe, Louisiana, for the purpose of conducting business of the corporation as listed in the agenda.
- II. Notice  
Notice was mailed to all members by United States first class mail. Present were Robert Barber, Wendy E. W. Giovingo, Norma Johnson, Mare' Brennan, Stacy Moak, and Terri Luffey Arthur. Absent were Walter Jones, Stacy Guice and Jennifer Marusak. Guest present was Cindy Murray and Nancy Benson. A quorum was announced.
- III. Minutes of the February 20, 2002, CASA Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed approving the minutes.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Financial
    1. Financial Report  
The financial reports of the corporation were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed approving the minutes.
    2. Current Funding Sources were reviewed.
      - a. Received no CJA funding for this fiscal year.
      - b. Young Lawyer's gave \$1050 for TV/VCR and signs for rural areas.
  - B. Volunteer Training
    1. Training classes graduated as follows:
      - a. Eight volunteers graduated in Winnsboro on May 22, 2002
      - b. Eleven volunteers graduated in Monroe on May 23, 2002
      - c. Eighteen volunteers graduated in Farmerville on April 18, 2002
    2. A continuing Education Class was also held on May 29, 2002
    3. The website is up and running at [www.casanela.org](http://www.casanela.org).
      - a. Sections of the website can be used for missed training sessions and continuing education classes.
  - C. Publicity/ Recruitment/Awareness
    1. Kick Off Breakfast
      - a. The Farmerville, Ruston and Winnsboro kickoff breakfast and brunches were successful and had good attendance.

2. Media

- a. All kickoff occasions were covered by the Media.

- D. Staff/Board Training

1. National CASA Conference

- a. The National Conference was attended by eight staff members in San Diego, CA.

2. Staff Leadership Retreat was a success with staff concentrating on personal mission statement, strengths, goals, and covenant.

- V. New Business

- A. TANF Update

1. A request for additional TANF funds was made and \$14,500 was received for technology equipment for rural areas.
    2. A program audit by LA CASA and La. Supreme Court will be held on June 11, 12, and 13, 2002.
    3. An intent to apply for TANF funds has already been submitted asking for \$795,190.
    4. LA CASA intends for the TANF funding fiscal year is to change from Federal to State Fiscal year gradually, which will overlap the funding for two months this year. Fiscal year to start August, 2002.
    5. HB1 which includes TANF funding to the Supreme Court has passed the house and is in the Senate.
    6. A motion was made to accept combined budget for 2001/2002 With additional TANF funds, seconded and unanimously passed.

- B. Evaluation

1. New Cases/Waiting List

- a. New cases only have a three or four day waiting period before assignment at this time.

- C. Fundraising

1. Annual Campaign

- a. A motion made, seconded and unanimously passed to implement an annual campaign and to have Michele Robinson to make proposal at next Board meeting for the implementation of such a campaign.

- D. Name Change

1. Based upon a written legal opinion as to the effect of a name change, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to change name from CASA of the Fourth Judicial District, Inc.

to CASA of Northeast Louisiana, Inc., and to make all necessary changes in the operations to reflect such a name change.

E. Nominating Committee

1. Wendy, Mare', and Terri agreed to serve on the nominating committee which will recommend people to serve on the board.

F. Board Composition

1. After detailed and considered discussions, a motion was made Seconded and unanimously passed to make the following Suggestions for changes to the articles of incorporation, bylaws, And practices of the corporation effecting board composition to The membership and to the extent that the membership allows those changes, the bylaws shall be considered changed:
  - a. Article VII, Section 2 shall change from "seven persons, nor more than twelve persons." To "twelve persons, nor more than eighteen persons."
  - b. The bylaws shall include that the composition of the board shall include at least the following:
    1. two representative of the Junior League of Monroe, Inc., and;
    2. a representative of each judicial district served;
    3. one volunteer.And that one person may serve in more than one of these capacities.
  - c. Because the board records do not accurately reflect the terms of the members, terms will be staggered beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 by volunteer and/or drawing of straws.
  - d. Article VII, Section 9. Beginning in the fiscal year 2002-2003 Board members shall serve terms of three years. Directors are restricted from serving more than two consecutive terms; however, after a period of not serving as a director for six years, a director may serve on the board of directors for additional terms in accordance with these articles.
  - e. Article VIII, Section 3 shall be changed to reflect the removal Of "no more than twelve members."
  - f. Article VIII, Section 4 shall be changed to the following, "The Panel members shall serve one year terms. An officer of the board of directors shall serve as the chair person of the panel."



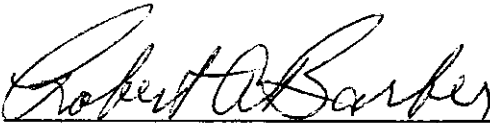
- G. Board Training date was set for July 17, 2002.
- H. The next membership meeting is June 19, 2002.

VI. Adjournment

- A. No further business coming to the attention of the president, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

ATTEST:

CASA OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, INC.

By:   
Robert Barber  
Secretary/Treasurer

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA


MARE BRENNAN, being duly sworn and deposed, stating that she is the current President, and that at a meeting of the board of directors of CASA OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA, INC., (the "Corporation"), held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, at the offices of the Corporation, pursuant to notice duly given, the following amendment was duly proposed, seconded, and unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the said Corporation, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to change name from CASA OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA, INC., to the CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.,-SERVING NORTHEAST LOUISIANA, and to make all necessary changes in the operations to reflect such a name change.

MARE BRENNAN, President, does hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the amendment of this Corporation adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2003, and that the same has not been modified or rescinded.

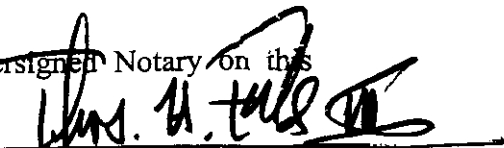
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Corporation on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of

January, 2004.

  
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MARE BRENNAN

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned Notary on this

8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004, in Monroe, Louisiana.

  
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Notary

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.-SERVING NORTHEAST LOUISIANA**

Each of the undersigned, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Center for Children and Families, Inc.-Serving Northeast Louisiana (the *Corporation*) does hereby certify that a resolution amending the articles of incorporation of the Corporation was duly adopted pursuant to Louisiana law, by the affirmative majority vote of the members of the Corporation at a meeting held on September 20, 2012.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation were amended by said resolution as follows:

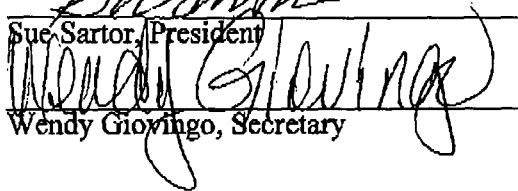
**Article VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 2. The Board of Directors of this corporation shall consist of the number of persons designated by the bylaws of this corporation; however, the board of directors shall not consist of fewer than seven persons, nor more than twelve person. The initial Board of Directors shall be appointed in this charter and shall serve in such capacity until they are replaced by the membership of this corporation. Board members shall be selected by the membership as prescribed by the bylaws.

**Article VIII. COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL** is deleted in its entirety.

Dated: November 20, 2012

  
Sue Sartor, President

  
Wendy Givongo, Secretary

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT KNOWN, that on 21 day of November, 2012, before me, undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned, qualified and sworn within and for the State and Parish aforesaid, personally came and appeared Sue Sartor, President, and Wendy Giovingo, Secretary, to me known to be the identical persons who executed the above and foregoing Articles of Amendment, who declared and acknowledged to me, Notary, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, that they executed the above and foregoing Articles of Amendment of their own free will, as their own act and deed, for the uses, purposes, and benefits therein expressed.

WITNESSES:

Amanda D. Smith  
Amanda D. Smith

Melody Gregg  
Melody Gregg

Sue Sartor  
Sue Sartor

Wendy Giovingo  
Wendy Giovingo

Lavenia F. Hillis  
NOTARY PUBLIC

**LAVENIA F. HILLIS**  
Notary Public  
Notary ID No. 16333  
Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

**RESOLUTION OF MEMBERS OF  
CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.-SERVING NORTHEAST LOUISIANA  
AMENDING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

RESOLVED, that the Articles of Incorporation of the Center for Children and Families, Inc.-Serving Northeast Louisiana (the *Corporation*) are hereby amended as follows:

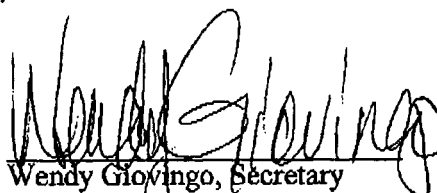
1. Article VII, Section 2 shall be amended to add a period after bylaws and immediately thereafter delete "however, two members of the board shall always be appointed by the Junior League of Monroe, Inc. or its successor form its membership.
2. Article VIII shall be deleted in its entirety.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the President and Secretary or other appropriate officers are authorized and directed to certify adoption of the foregoing resolution, to file such certificate with the Secretary of State, and to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that (i) she is Secretary of the Corporation, (ii) she has reviewed the records of the Corporation, and she has knowledge of the facts certified herein, and (iii) the foregoing resolution was properly adopted by at least a majority vote of all the members of the Corporation at a meeting for that and other purposes on September 20, 2012, and has not been subsequently revoked or otherwise modified.

Dated: November 20, 2012

  
Wendy Grovingo, Secretary

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**

**TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.-SERVING NORTHEAST LOUISIANA**

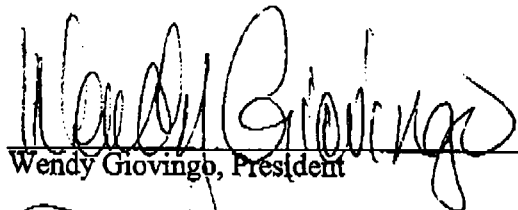
Each of the undersigned, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Center for Children and Families, Inc.-Serving Northeast Louisiana (the *Corporation*) does hereby certify that a resolution amending the articles of incorporation of the Corporation was duly adopted pursuant to Louisiana law, by the affirmative majority vote of the members of the Corporation at a meeting held on September 14, 2016.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation were amended by said resolution as follows:

**Article I. NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be "Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc."

Dated: November 14, 2016

  
Wendy Giovingo, President

  
Donna Nolan, Secretary

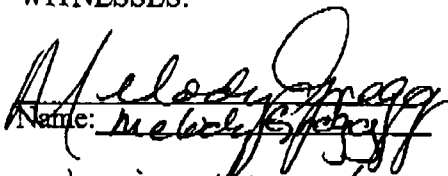
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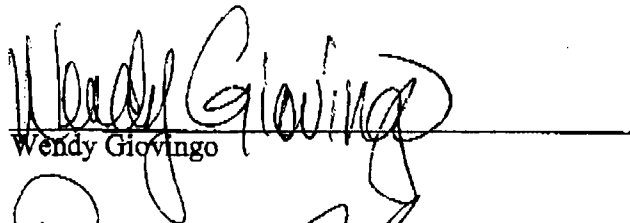
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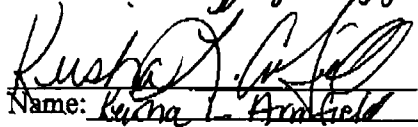
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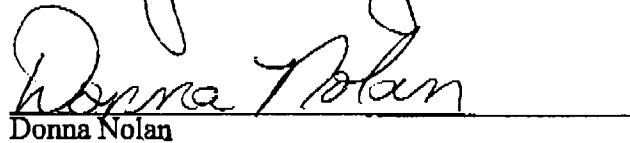
BE IT KNOWN, that on 14th day of November, 2016, before me, undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned, qualified and sworn within and for the State and Parish aforesaid, personally came and appeared Wendy Giovingo, President, and Donna Nolan, Secretary, to me known to be the identical persons who executed the above and foregoing Articles of Amendment, who declared and acknowledged to me, Notary, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, that they executed the above and foregoing Articles of Amendment of their own free will, as their own act and deed, for the uses, purposes, and benefits therein expressed.

WITNESSES:


  
Name: Melody Sperry

  
Wendy Giovingo

  
Name: Kisha L. Arnold

  
Donna Nolan

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

 **LAVENIA F. HILLIS**  
Notary Public  
Notary ID No. 16333  
Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

**RESOLUTION OF MEMBERS OF  
CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.-SERVING NORTHEAST LOUISIANA  
AMENDING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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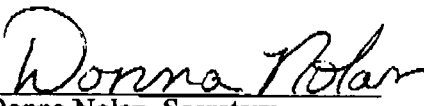
Article I shall be amended to change the name of the corporation to "Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc."

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the President and Secretary or other appropriate officers are authorized and directed to certify adoption of the foregoing resolution, to file such certificate with the Secretary of State, and to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.




**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that (i) she is Secretary of the Corporation, (ii) she has reviewed the records of the Corporation, and she has knowledge of the facts certified herein, and (iii) the foregoing resolution was properly adopted by at least a majority vote of all the members of the Corporation at a meeting for that and other purposes on September 14, 2016, and has not been subsequently revoked or otherwise modified.

Dated: November 14, 2016

  
Donna Nolan, Secretary



<b>R. Kyle Ardoin</b> <b>Secretary of State</b> 	<b>DOMESTIC CORPORATION</b> <b>ANNUAL REPORT</b> <b>For Period Ending</b> 2/8/2020								
 34739553N  2020									
<b>Mailing Address Only (INDICATE CHANGES TO THIS ADDRESS IN THIS BOX)</b> 34739553 N SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.  P. O. BOX 9493 MONROE, LA 712119493	<b>(INDICATE CHANGES TO THIS ADDRESS IN THIS BOX)</b> Registered Office Address in Louisiana (Do not use P. O. Box) 622 RIVERSIDE DR. MONROE, LA 71201								
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Our records indicate the following registered agents for the corporation. Indicate any changes or deletions below. All agents must have a Louisiana address. Do not use a P. O. Box. <b>A NEW REGISTERED AGENT REQUIRES A NOTARIZED SIGNATURE</b> DEAN MAILHES 318 LOOP ROAD MONROE, LA 71201									
I hereby accept the appointment of registered agent(s).  <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <b>SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY (SEE ATTACHED.)</b> <b>New Registered Agent Signature</b>	Sworn to and subscribed before me on NOTARY NAME MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED WITH NOTARY #  <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 5px;"> <div><b>Notary Signature</b></div> <div><b>Date</b></div> </div>								
This report reflects a maximum of three officers or directors from our records for this corporation. Indicate any changes or deletions below. Include a listing of all names along with each title held and their address. Do not use a P. O. Box. If additional space is needed attach an addendum.									
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">           JODI LYLE            3016 RIVER OAKS DRIVE MONROE, LA 71201            CINDY ROGERS            2410 TRENTON STREET WEST MONROE, LA 71291         </div> <div style="width: 45%;">           President             Vice-President         </div> </div>									
The filing of a false public record, with the knowledge of its falsity, is a crime, subjecting the filer to the fine or imprisonment or both under R.S. 14:133.									
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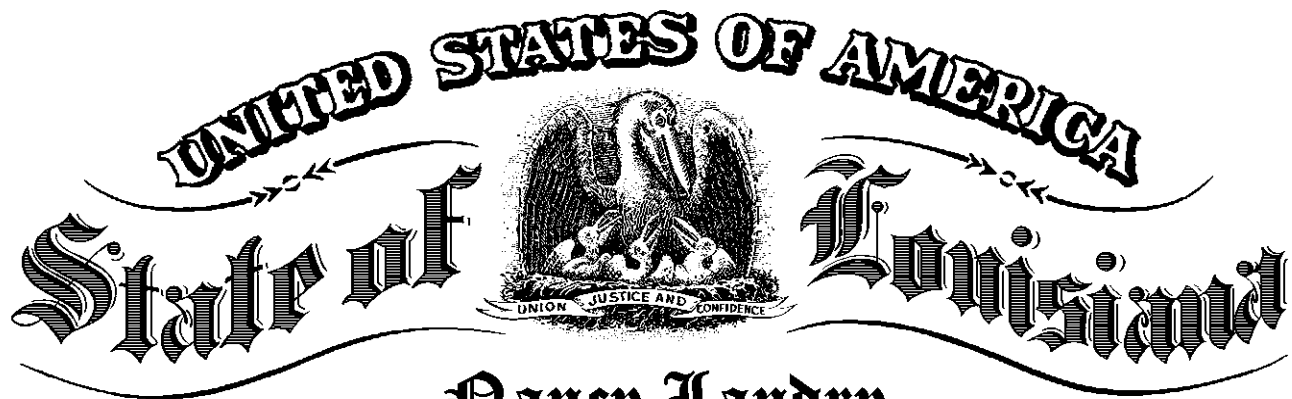
## Agent Affidavit and Acknowledgement of Acceptance

**Charter Number:** 34739553N

**Charter Name:** SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.

The agent / agents listed below accept the appointment of registered agent for and on behalf of the Charter Name above.

Date Responded	Agent(s)	Agent(s) Electronic Signature
01/15/2020	DEAN MAILHES	DEAN MAILHES



**Nancy Landry**  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that*

**SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.**

A corporation domiciled in MONROE, LOUISIANA,

Filed charter and qualified to do business in this State on February 08, 1999,

I further certify that the records of this Office indicate the corporation has paid all fees due the Secretary of State, and so far as the Office of the Secretary of State is concerned is in good standing and is authorized to do business in this State as a Non-Profit Corporation.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on,

January 9, 2024

*Nancy Landry*

*Secretary of State*

Web 34739553N



Certificate ID: 11827806#Q8Q83

To validate this certificate, visit the following web site, go to **Business Services, Search for Louisiana Business Filings, Validate a Certificate**, then follow the instructions displayed.  
**[www.sos.la.gov](http://www.sos.la.gov)**



# SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.

## General Information

Name: SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.  
Type: Corporation - Domestic Nonprofit  
City: MONROE  
Status: ACTIVE  
Previous Names: CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.,-SERVING NORTHEAST LOUISIANA changed on 12/22/2016  
CASA OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA, INC. changed on 01/13/2004  
CASA OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, INC. changed on 07/22/2002  
Charter Number: 34739553N  
Registration Date: 02/08/1999

## Domicile Address

622 RIVERSIDE DR.  
MONROE, LA 71201

## Mailing Address

P. O. BOX 9493  
MONROE, LA 712119493

## Status

Status: ACTIVE  
Annual Report Status: Yes  
Last Report Filed: 01/09/2024  
Type: Corporation - Domestic Nonprofit

## Registered Agents

N MAILHES appointed on 01/15/2020  
LOOP ROAD  
MONROE, LA 71201

## Officers

DENNIS GARDNER  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
100 SHAWNEE CIRCLE  
WEST MONROE, LA 71291

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MARGOT EASON  
PRESIDENT  
3004 W. DEBORAH DRIVE  
MONROE, LA 71201

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WENDY GIOVINGO  
SECRETARY  
318 LOOP RD  
MONROE, LA 71201

## Amendments on File

Description	Date
Amendment	08/23/1999
Name Change	07/22/2002
Name Change	01/13/2004
Amendment	11/26/2012
Name Change	12/22/2016