

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE
COLLIER
COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION.
(A Subordinate of the Florida 4-H Association, Inc.)**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization is the **COLLIER COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION**, herein after referred to as the "Association." This Association is an affiliate of the Florida 4-H Association, Inc. (State Association) and is to be operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial street address of the principal office of this Association is: **14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, Florida, 34120-1468**. The Association Membership may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida.

ARTICLE III – DURATION

The duration of the Association is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV – PURPOSE

The specific purposes for which this Association is organized is as follows:

Section 1. The primary purpose for which this Association is formed is to promote the educational objectives of the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program, under direction of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida; to foster mental, physical, social, and all other aspects of youth development; to support Extension programs in the interest of youth as the Association Membership of the Association may deem appropriate, to do any and all things necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objectives enumerated in its Articles of Association, or necessary or incidental to benefit and protection of the Association.

Section 2. Other purposes for which this Association is formed are: to do all the acts and things, and business in any manner connected with the objects or purposes or powers of the Association or calculated directly or indirectly to promote the interests, objectives, and ideals of the organization, and in addition, to have and exercise all rights, powers and privileges now or hereafter belonging to or conferred upon non-profit organizations existing under the laws of the State of Florida. None of the property or the income from the Association shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director or member of the Association.

Section 3. The foregoing statement of purpose or purposes shall be construed as a statement of both purpose and powers and the purposes and powers in each clause shall, except were otherwise expressed, be in no ways limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of provisions of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1, GENERAL. Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability or sexual orientation. The Association shall adopt the current University of Florida Equal Opportunity statement.

Section 2, NUMBER. There shall be at least five (5) members of the Association. A maximum number of members may be determined from time to time by the Association Membership, as set forth in the Bylaws of said Association.

Section 3, APPOINTMENT. All members serve at the pleasure of the County 4-H Extension Agent(s). Members may be appointed or excused annually, or from time to time, at the discretion of the County 4H Extension Agent.

Section 4, EX OFFICIO. The County 4-H Extension Agent(s) shall be an ex officio member of the Association.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1, GENERAL. The Bylaws of said Association shall define the duties of the Officers of the Association; and that the manner of election and term of office the Officers of the Association shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 2. ELECTIONS. The Association Membership, their nominations, election or appointment, installation of election or appointment, power and authority shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of this Association.

Section 3. OFFICERS. The Association shall have the following officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 4, Qualifications. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary must be members of the Association. The qualifications, manner and time of selection, duties, and responsibilities of said officers shall be published in the Bylaws. The Association may elect other officers as deemed necessary and beneficial.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

The Association shall meet at least four times annually. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held as may be provided in the Bylaws. The Association may provide in its Bylaws for the holding of additional regular and special meetings and the appropriate notice for such meetings.

ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR AND FINANCES

Section 1, FISCAL YEAR. The Bylaws of said Association shall define the fiscal year.

Section 2, SUBORDINATE STATUS. The Association shall be considered a Subordinate Organization of the State Association, and will be required to file appropriate IRS tax return on its own

behalf; The Association shall comply with other reporting requirements as determined from time to time by the State Association and the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program.

ARTICLE IX – BYLAWS

The Association is granted authority by the State Associations to make a Code of Bylaws for its government, and to amend the same from time to time as provided in said Bylaws. The provisions of the Bylaws of the Association shall not be in conflict with Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the State Association.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Articles of Association may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Association Membership at any regular meeting or at any meeting called for that purpose. Before such amendment made at any regular or special meeting can be submitted to Florida 4-H Association, Inc. for filing, the Associate Dean for 4-H Youth Development must review and approve such amendments.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be conveyed to the Florida 4-H Club Foundation, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, or its successors, for distribution to the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this Association.

ARTICLE XII – SUPERVISION AND CONTROL

Section 1, UNIVERSITY CONTROL. This Association is organized with the permission of Florida Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida, and the business of the Association and all its acts, decisions and other actions of its Officers and members in carrying out its purpose and powers shall at all times conform with the provisions of the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program enacted pursuant thereto as well as the provisions of State law. Any person employed by the Association shall not be considered to be an employee of the University Of Florida Board Of Trustees or of the State of Florida solely by virtue of their employment.

Section 2, COUNTY SUPERVISION.

The County Extension 4-H Agent(s) shall monitor and control the use of the University of Florida resources used by the Association, the name of the University or any of its units, as well as use of the 4-H Name and Emblem.



County 4-H Association Chair

1-12-12

Date



County 4-H Association Vice Chair

1-12-12

Date

Brynda E. Williams
County 4-H Association Secretary

1/12/12
Date

Susan Shuele
County 4-H Association Treasurer

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