

STATE OF GEORGIA
Secretary of State
Corporations Division
313 West Tower
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

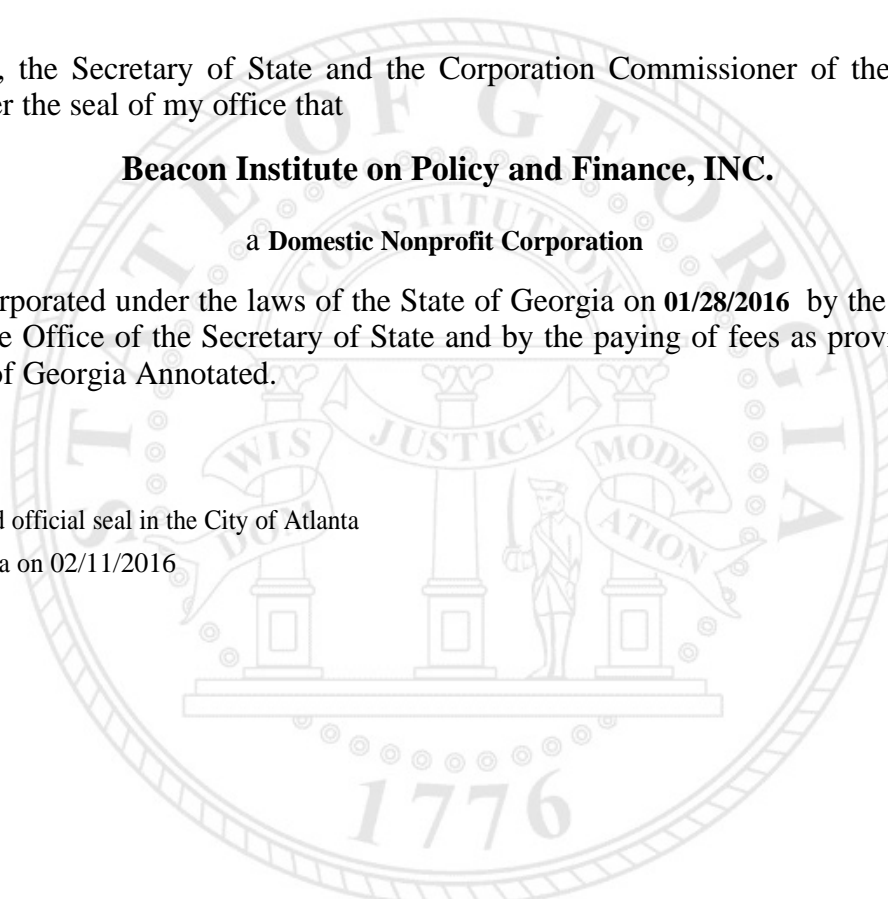
I, Brian P. Kemp, the Secretary of State and the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Georgia, hereby certify under the seal of my office that

Beacon Institute on Policy and Finance, INC.

a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation

has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia on **01/28/2016** by the filing of articles of incorporation in the Office of the Secretary of State and by the paying of fees as provided by Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the City of Atlanta
and the State of Georgia on 02/11/2016



B. P. Kemp

Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

Beacon Institute on Policy and Finance, INC.

ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is **Beacon Institute on Policy and Finance, INC.**

ARTICLE TWO

The corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

ARTICLE THREE

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

ARTICLE FOUR

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

- (a) The corporation is organized under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code. The corporation is irrevocably dedicated to, and operated exclusively for, non-profit purposes, specifically political activities related to the selection, nomination, election or appointment of individuals to state or local public office or office in a state or local political organization. No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of, any of its officers, directors, 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 herein;
- (b) Subject to the limitations stated in these Articles, the corporation may do each and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes hereinbefore enumerated or which at any time appear conducive to or expedient for the protection or benefit of the corporation. In furtherance of and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the laws of the State of Georgia and the objects and purposes hereinbefore set forth, and subject to the limitation stated in these Articles, it is expressly provided that to such extent as a corporation organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code may now or hereafter lawfully do, the corporation shall have the power to do, either as principal or agent and either alone or in connection with other corporations, firms or individuals, all and everything necessary, suitable, convenient or proper for, or in connection with, or incident to, the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects hereinbefore enumerated, or designed directly or indirectly to promote the interest of the corporation or to

enhance the value of its properties, and in general, to do any and all things and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation may now or hereafter be authorized to do or to exercise under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code or any amendment thereto.

ARTICLE FIVE

The corporation shall not have members.

ARTICLE SIX

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the number, qualifications, rights, powers and privileges of directors and the manner in which directors shall be elected or appointed shall be provided in the corporation's Bylaws. The corporation's initial Board of Directors shall consist of three members, whose names and addresses are set forth below:

William Woodall
922 Highway 81 East
McDonough, GA 30253-9028

Patty Whaley
115 Westridge Industrial Blvd.
McDonough, GA 30253

Billy Kirkland
922 Highway 81 East
McDonough, GA 30253-9028

ARTICLE SEVEN

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed to the State of Georgia if it is still recognized at the time as an organization existing for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, otherwise assets shall be distributed to the federal government, or a local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Each person who is or was a director or officer of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation, and entitled to advancement of expenses of litigation, to the fullest extent permitted under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code against those expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement which are allowed to be paid, reimbursed or advanced by the corporation under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and which are actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceedings, pending or threatened, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which such person may be involved by reason of his being or having been a director or officer of this

corporation. Such indemnification shall be made only in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and subject to the conditions thereof. As a condition to any such right of indemnification, the corporation may require that it be permitted to participate in the defense of any such action or proceeding through legal counsel designated by the corporation and at the expense of the corporation. The corporation may also purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any such persons whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such officers and directors against any liability under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

ARTICLE NINE

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 40 Technology Parkway South, Suite 300, Norcross, GA 30092. The name of the initial registered agent at said address is Corporation Services Company.

ARTICLE TEN

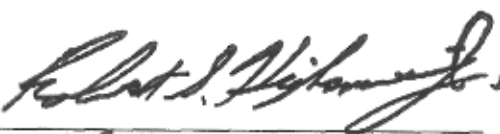
The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation is:

Robert S. Highsmith Jr.
1180 West Peachtree St., N.W.
Suite 1800
Atlanta, GA 30309

ARTICLE ELEVEN

The mailing address of the initial principal office of the corporation is
922 Highway 81 McDonough GA 30253

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this 27th day of January, 2016.


Robert S. Highsmith, Incorporator



Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

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**TRANSMITTAL INFORMATION
GEORGIA PROFIT OR NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS**

IMPORTANT

Remember to include your e-mail address when completing this transmittal form.

Providing your e-mail address allows us to notify you via e-mail when we receive your filing and when we take action on your filing. Please enter your e-mail address on the line below. Thank you.

E-Mail: linda.autrey@hklaw.com

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: PRINT PLAINLY OR TYPE REMAINDER OF THIS FORM

1.

Corporate Name Reservation Number (if one has been obtained; if articles are being filed without prior reservation, leave this line blank)

BEACON INSTITUTE ON POLICY AND FINANCE, INC.

Corporate Name (List exactly as it appears in articles)

2. **Robert S Highsmith - Holland & Knight LLP**

404-817-8500

Name of person filing articles (Certificate will be mailed to this person at address below.)

Telephone Number

1180 West Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 1800

Address

Atlanta

GA

30309

City

State

Zip Code

3. **Mail the following items to the Secretary of State at the above address:**

- 1) This transmittal form;
- 2) The Articles of Incorporation; and
- 3) Filing fee of \$100.00 payable to Secretary of State. Filing fees are NON-refundable.

I certify that a Notice of Incorporation or Notice of Intent to Incorporate with a publication fee of \$40.00 has been or will be mailed or delivered to the official organ of the county where the initial registered office of the corporation is to be located. (List of legal organs is posted at web site; or, the Clerk of Superior Court can advise you of the official organ in a particular county.)

Signature of Authorized Person:

Robert S Highsmith Jr

Date: 1/27/2016

Print Name: Robert S Highsmith, Jr.

Request certificates and obtain entity information via the Internet: sos.georgia.gov/corporations