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July 8, 2020

Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

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Honorable José Oliva
Speaker
Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Honorable Bill Galvano
President
Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
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Mr. R. Philip Twogood, PhD
Coordinator
Florida Office of Program Analysis and Government Accountability
The Florida Legislature
111 West Madison Street, Room 312
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Dr. Twogood:

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FLORIDA MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY F O U N D A T I O N



Name: Florida Missing Children's Day Foundation, Inc.

Mailing Address: PO Box 15822, Tallahassee, FL 32317

Telephone Number: 850-270-3555

Email: fmcdfinfo@gmail.com

Website: www.fmcdf.org

Statutory Authority: 683.231 Citizen Support Organization for Florida Missing Children's Day.--

(1) The Department of Law Enforcement may establish a citizen support organization to provide assistance, funding, and promotional support for activities authorized for Florida Missing Children's Day under s. 683.23.

(2) As used in this section, the term "citizen support organization" means an organization that is:

(a) A Florida corporation not for profit incorporated under chapter 617 and approved by the Department of State.

(b) Organized and operated to conduct programs and activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, either real or personal; and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the department in furtherance of Florida Missing Children's Day.

(3) The citizen support organization is not a registered lobbyist within the meaning of s. 11.045.

(4) The citizen support organization is specifically authorized to collect and expend funds to be used for awards; public awareness and awards ceremonies, workshops, and other meetings, including distribution materials for public education and awareness; travel; Internet and web-hosting services; administrative costs, including personnel costs; costs of audits; and costs of facilities rental.

(5) The activities of the citizen support organization must be determined by the department to be consistent with the goals and mission of the department and in the best interests of the state and approved in writing by the department to operate for the direct or indirect benefit of the department. The approval shall be given in a letter of agreement from the department.

(6)(a) The department may fix and collect charges for the rental of facilities and properties managed by the department and may permit, without charge, appropriate use of administrative services, property, and facilities of the department by the citizen support organization, subject to this section. The use must be directly in keeping with the approved purposes of the citizen support organization and may not be made at times or places that would unreasonably interfere with opportunities for the public to use such facilities for established purposes. Any money received from rentals of facilities and properties managed by the department may be held in the Operating Trust Fund of the department or in a separate depository account in the name of the citizen support organization and subject to the provisions of the letter of agreement with the department. The letter of agreement must provide that any funds held in the separate depository account in the name of the citizen support organization must revert to the department if the citizen support organization is no longer approved by the department to operate in the best interests of the state.

(b) The department may adopt rules with which a citizen support organization must comply in order to use department administrative services, property, or facilities.

(c) The department may not permit the use of any administrative services, property, or facilities of the state by a citizen support organization that does not provide equal membership and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender, age, or national origin.

(7) The citizen support organization shall provide for an independent annual financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981. Copies of the audit shall be provided to the department, the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor, and the Florida Cabinet.

History.--s. 10, ch. 2008-249.

Description of Mission and Results: The FMCDF was formed in 2010 and its sole mission is to financially support Florida Missing Children's Day. Each year we collect contributions from law enforcement agencies, businesses and private donors to provide financial support for the event. The dollars are used for operational costs to put on the event including rentals of tents, chairs, sound equipment, stage etc. We also fund awards to local "citizen heroes" that have saved and protected lives, as well as a statewide essay contest, and victim families travel/hotel expenses to attend the event. The FMCDF has supported Missing Children's Day since 2010 and has been a vital financial support for FDLE's ability to put on the event.

Description of Plan for Next 3 Years:

The next 3 years is to continue as the past 5 years- the Foundation is committed to financially supporting FDLE to ensure that each year the State honors and recognizes victims and families as well as exemplary citizens, first responders, and the safety and protection of all children on Florida's Missing Children's Day.

Copy of Code of Ethics: Attached

Copy of Most Recent Tax Return: (Form 990): Attached

For 2017, 2018 and 2019:

The amount and source of revenue generated or projected to be generated by the organization:

- 2017: Contributions received \$20,625. Sources: Law Enforcement agencies, Private donors and businesses. A list of all donors can be provided if necessary.
- 2018: Contributions received \$26,675 Sources: Law Enforcement agencies, Private donors and businesses. A list of all donors can be provided if necessary.
- 2019: Contributions received \$27,500. Sources: Law Enforcement agencies, Private donors and businesses. A list of all donors can be provided if necessary.

The amounts and purposes of expenditures or projected expenditures by the organization, including specific amounts, if any, spent or projected to be incurred to lobby the executive or legislative branch of state government and specific amounts, if any, spent or projected to be incurred for travel or entertainment expenses for state or local public officers and employees:
N/A

The value of capital improvements made, if any, to state property which has been funded or projected to be funded by the organization: **N/A**

The amount, if any, of any state or federal funds provided to the organization: **N/A**

The names of, and compensation for, the organization's officers, directors, employees, and independent contractors: **NONE**

FLORIDA MISSING CHILDREN DAY FOUNDATION, INC.
CODE OF ETHICS

Section 112.3251, Florida Statutes was effective July 1, 2014 and requires every citizen support or direct-support organization created or authorized pursuant to law to adopt its own ethics code. The Florida Missing Children's Day Foundation, Inc. (FMCDF) is a citizen support organization created under the authority of Section 683.231, Florida Statutes.

It is the policy of the FMCD that the Directors and Officers (Directors) hold their positions for the benefit of the public. They are bound to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State Constitution and to perform efficiently and faithfully their duties under the laws of the federal, state, and local governments. They are bound to observe, in their official acts, the highest standards of ethics consistent with this code of ethics and the advisory opinions rendered by the Florida Commission on Ethics with respect hereto regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that promoting the public interest and maintaining the respect of the people in their government must be of foremost concern.

As a FMCDF Director, I agree and understand that I will not:

- 1) Solicit or accept anything of value to me, including gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the Director would be influenced thereby.
- 2) Accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value, on behalf of me or my spouse or minor child, when such Director knows, or, with the exercise of reasonable care, should know, that it was given to influence a vote or other action in which the Director was expected to participate in his or her official capacity.
- 3) Corruptly use or attempt to use my official position or any property or resource which may be within my trust, or perform my official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption for myself.
- 4) Disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason my official position, except for information relating exclusively to governmental practices, for my personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.
- 5) Vote on any matter that I know would inure to my special private gain or loss.
- 6) Failure to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the removal of that person from their position and/or may result in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement terminating its Agreement with the FMCDF.



Signature



Date



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Your Form 990-N(e-Postcard) has been submitted to the IRS

- **Organization Name:** FLORIDA MISSING CHILDRENS DAY FOUNDATION INC
- **EIN:** 264636458
- **Tax Year:** 2019
- **Tax Year Start Date:** 01-01-2019
- **Tax Year End Date:** 12-31-2019
- **Submission ID:** 10065520200883603932
- **Filing Status Date:** 03-28-2020
- **Filing Status:** Pending

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