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**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

**2004**

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2004 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2004** and ending **JUN 30, 2005**

**B** Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return
- Amended return
- Application pending

**C** Name of organization: **ALABAMA ARISE, INC**

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): **207 MONTGOMERY STREET**

Room/suite: **810**

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: **MONTGOMERY, AL 36104**

**D** Employer identification number: **63-1030975**

**E** Telephone number: **334-832-9060**

**F** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**G** Website: **WWW.ALARISE.ORG**

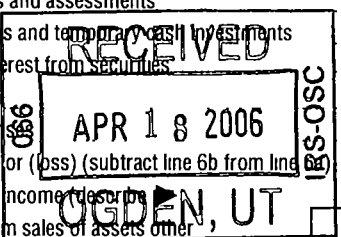
**J** Organization type (check only one):  501(c) ( **4** ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ **45,068.**

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a	Direct public support	1a		769.	
	b	Indirect public support	1b			
	c	Government contributions (grants)	1c			
	d	Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ <b>769.</b> noncash \$ _____ )	1d			769.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2			
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3			44,299.
	4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4			
	5	Dividends and interest from securities	5			
	6a	Gross rents	6a			
	6b	Less: rental expenses	6b			
	6c	Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
7	Other investment income (describe in Part VII, line 93)	7				
8a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities		(B) Other		
8b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	8a				
8c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8b				
8d	Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8c				
9	Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>					
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a				
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b				
9c	Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	9c				
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
10b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b				
10c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10c				
11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11				
12	Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12			45,068.	
Expenses	13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13		37,497.	
	14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14		4,666.	
	15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15		6,586.	
	16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16			
	17	Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))	17		48,749.	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18		-3,681.	
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19		5,374.	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) <b>SEE STATEMENT 1</b>	20		1,625.	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	21		3,318.	



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**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses** All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. Page 2

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22 Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)	22			
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25 Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	25 7,957.	4,774.	1,989.	1,194.
26 Other salaries and wages	26 6,536.	1,699.	1,440.	3,397.
27 Pension plan contributions	27			
28 Other employee benefits	28			
29 Payroll taxes	29 2,857.	1,229.	628.	1,000.
30 Professional fundraising fees	30			
31 Accounting fees	31			
32 Legal fees	32			
33 Supplies	33 86.	72.	6.	8.
34 Telephone	34 170.	141.	12.	17.
35 Postage and shipping	35 220.	160.	16.	44.
36 Occupancy	36 2,770.	2,299.	194.	277.
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38 Printing and publications	38 600.	408.	42.	150.
39 Travel	39 288.	230.	43.	15.
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40			
41 Interest	41			
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	42			
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a RESOURCE MATERIAL	43a 120.	108.		12.
b INSURANCE	43b 1,348.	580.	296.	472.
c LEGISLATIVE	43c			
d COORDINATOR	43d 21,936.	21,936.		
e LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION	43e 3,861.	3,861.		
44 Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43) Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15.	44 48,749.	37,497.	4,666.	6,586.

Joint Costs. Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.  
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <b>TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF POVERTY</b>	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs. and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others)
a WORK PERFORMED TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES AND ALLEVIATE THE CONSEQUENCES FO POVERTY AND TO EMPOWER AND ORGANIZE THE POOR AND THEIR ALLIES TO ACHIEVE THESE PURPOSES (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	37,497.
b _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
c _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
d _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	37,497.

**Part IV Balance Sheets**

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	5,725.	45	2,996.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46	
	47 a Accounts receivable		47a	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		47b	47c
	48 a Pledges receivable		48a	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		48b	48c
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		50	
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable		51a	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		51b	51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,354.	53	403.
	54 Investments - securities	▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	54	
	55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis		55a	
b Less: accumulated depreciation		55b	55c	
56 Investments - other		56		
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	1,188.	57a		
b Less: accumulated depreciation	1,188.	57b	57c	
58 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		58		
<b>59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)</b>	<b>7,079.</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3,399.</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,624.	60	
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		63	
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ <b>PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS</b> )	81.	65	81.
<b>66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)</b>	<b>1,705.</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>81.</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.</b>			
	67 Unrestricted	5,374.	67	3,318.
	68 Temporarily restricted		68	
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 70 through 74.</b>			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
	<b>73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)</b>	<b>5,374.</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3,318.</b>
	<b>74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)</b>	<b>7,079.</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3,399.</b>

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

<b>Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return</b>			<b>Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return</b>		
<b>a</b> Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	▶	<b>a</b> N/A	<b>a</b> Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	▶	<b>a</b> N/A
<b>b</b> Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990:			<b>b</b> Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990:		
(1) Net unrealized gains on investments \$ _____			(1) Donated services and use of facilities \$ _____		
(2) Donated services and use of facilities \$ _____			(2) Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990 \$ _____		
(3) Recoveries of prior year grants \$ _____			(3) Losses reported on line 20, Form 990 \$ _____		
(4) Other (specify): _____			(4) Other (specify): _____		
_____ \$ _____			_____ \$ _____		
Add amounts on lines (1) through (4)	▶	<b>b</b>	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4)	▶	<b>b</b>
<b>c</b> Line a minus line b	▶	<b>c</b>	<b>c</b> Line a minus line b	▶	<b>c</b>
<b>d</b> Amounts included on line 12, Form 990 but not on line a:			<b>d</b> Amounts included on line 17, Form 990 but not on line a:		
(1) Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$ _____			(1) Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$ _____		
(2) Other (specify): _____			(2) Other (specify): _____		
_____ \$ _____			_____ \$ _____		
Add amounts on lines (1) and (2)	▶	<b>d</b>	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2)	▶	<b>d</b>
<b>e</b> Total revenue per line 12, Form 990 (line c plus line d)	▶	<b>e</b>	<b>e</b> Total expenses per line 17, Form 990 (line c plus line d)	▶	<b>e</b>

<b>Part V List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated.)</b>				
(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
----- <b>SEE STATEMENT 2</b> -----		7,957.	0.	0.
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**75** Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee receive aggregate compensation of more than \$100,000 from your organization and all related organizations, of which more than \$10,000 was provided by the related organizations? If "Yes," attach schedule.  Yes  No

Part VI Other Information

Yes No

76 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity
77 Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS?
78 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?
78 b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?
79 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year?
80 a Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?
80 b If "Yes," enter the name of the organization
81 a Enter direct or indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions
81 b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
82 a Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?
82 b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II.
83 a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?
83 b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?
84 a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?
84 b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?
85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?
85 b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?
85 c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members
85 d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures
85 e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices
85 f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)
85 g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?
85 h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?
86 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12
86 b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities
87 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders
87 b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)
88 At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3?
89 a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
89 b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year?
89 c Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
89 d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization
90 a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
90 b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2004
91 The books are in care of

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92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See page 33 of the instructions.)

**Note:** Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclu- sion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					44,299.
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue:					
a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		0.		0.	44,299.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					44,299.

**Note:** Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

Line No. ▼	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
94	DUES REVENUE ALLOWS THE ORGANIZATION TO FURTHER ITS CAUSE WHICH IS TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF POVERTY.

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See page 34 of the instructions.)

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

**Note:** If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer: Kimble Forrester Date: 4/10/06 Type or print name and title: Kimble Forrester, State Coordinator

Preparer's signature: Thomas P. Gilliland Date: 3-14-06 Check if self-employed:  Preparer's SSN or PTIN: 424-58-4950

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: WILSON, PRICE, BARRANCO, BLANKENSHIP & BILLINGSLEY, P.C. 3815 INTERSTATE CT. MONTGOMERY, AL 36109 EIN: 72-1341561 Phone no.: (334)271-2200

FORM 990	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	1
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT		1,625.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART I, LINE 20		1,625.	

FORM 990	PART V - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES	STATEMENT	2
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NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
KIMBLE FORRISTER 207 MONTGOMERY STREET, SUITE 810 MONTGOMERY, AL 36104	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 7	7,957.	0.	0.
ALICE PARIS 1802 FRANKLIN ROAD TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, AL 36088		0.	0.	0.
CAROL GUNDLACH 11101 US HIGHWAY 80 W SHORTER, AL 36075	TREASURER 0	0.	0.	0.
NANCY BRENNAN 216 SOUTH CAPITOL PARKWAY MONTGOMERY, AL 36107	0	0.	0.	0.
MARY JONES 1720 31ST STREET W BIRMINGHAM, AL 35208		0.	0.	0.
JACKIE TIPPER 1295 COUNTY ROAD 415 TOWN CREEK, AL 35672		0.	0.	0.
KENYATTA RAY P.O. BOX 549 CAMDEN, AL 36726		0.	0.	0.
TOM DULEY 1229 COTTON AVENUE SW BIRMINGHAM, AL 35214	SECRETARY 0	0.	0.	0.



JOCELYN CASH 100 ELM DRIVE MONTGOMERY, AL 36117	PRESIDENT 0	0.	0.	0.
SARAH PRICE 1204 GRAYMONT AVENUE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35208		0.	0.	0.
DEBORAH THOMAS 3580 MCGHEE PLACE DR S APT 807 MONTGOMERY, AL 36117		0.	0.	0.
LYNN DOUGLAS 913 WINCHESTER CIRCLE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35235	VICE-PRESIDENT 0	0.	0.	0.
RUTHIE SHERRILL 3916 SIERRA DRIVE TUSCALOOSA, AL 35401		0.	0.	0.
REV. LAWTON HIGGS, SR 167 PINWOOD AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35023		0.	0.	0.
SR. JANET CONNORTON 867 COUNTY ROAD 59 PINE APPLE, AL 36768		0.	0.	0.
DONALD STONE P.O. BOX 9 FURMAN, AL 36741		0.	0.	0.
CURSTINE SMITH 640 COALFIRE AVENUE HEUYTOWN, AL 35023		0.	0.	0.
REV. CHARLES FAIL 913 SOUTH BROAD STREET MOBILE, AL 36603		0.	0.	0.
JUDY ROY 206 13TH STREET SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233		0.	0.	0.
CALLIE GREER 3650 AUDUBON ROAD MONTGOMERY, AL 36111		0.	0.	0.
HELEN RIVAS 2155 16TH AVENUE, SOUTH APT. 2 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35205		0.	0.	0.

ALABAMA ARISE, INC

63-1030975

JERRY REYNOLDS  
4000 DAUPHIN STREET  
MOBILE, AL 36608-1791

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LEEVONES DUBOSE  
PO BOX 13277  
EIGHT MILE, AL 36613

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TOTALS INCLUDED ON FORM 990, PART V

7,957. 0. 0.

**BY-LAWS  
ALABAMA ARISE  
LAST AMENDED SEPTEMBER 10, 2005**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The organization shall be formally titled Alabama Arise, Inc.

**ARTICLE II  
LOCATION**

The principal location of this organization shall be Montgomery, Alabama.

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to work towards the elimination of poverty in Alabama and the nation and towards the alleviation of the effects of poverty on the lives of low-income residents of Alabama and the nation.

Alabama Arise shall work toward the elimination and alleviation of poverty through advocacy on behalf of poor people and through public and membership education on the problems of poverty and solutions to same. Alabama Arise shall receive and process information, propositions, proposals and funding plans from its membership which shall be used in efforts to achieve its goals.

**ARTICLE IV  
MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be two classes of membership in Alabama Arise. Full members shall be those organizations which declare, through signing a Memorandum of Understanding, their commitment to the elimination of poverty and the alleviation of its effects; which pay membership dues as set by the membership from time to time; and which have been approved as members by majority vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the membership, the Board, or the Coordinating Committee. Members should vote on the basis of the membership criteria determined by the membership. Organizations which are members of Alabama Arise as of February 26, 1992 shall continue to have membership rights without a vote approving them as members. Full member organizations shall have voting rights in the form of one vote per organization. Full member organizations shall designate one Contact Person to serve as the member's voting representative to Alabama Arise and one person to serve as the alternate representative to Alabama Arise.

When a member organization signs the Memorandum of Understanding, it shall designate whether or not it considers itself a low-income organization according to criteria established by the membership. If another member organization challenges the organization's credentials as a low-income organization, the issue shall be decided by majority vote of those present at a regularly scheduled membership

meeting.

Individual members shall be those individuals who declare their commitment to the elimination of poverty and the alleviation of its effects and who pay membership dues as set by the membership from time to time. Individual members shall have no voting rights but may attend and actively participate in all Alabama Arise activities and may receive materials and publications as issued by Alabama Arise.

## **ARTICLE V GOVERNANCE**

The affairs of Alabama Arise shall be conducted by a Board of Directors elected by the membership at annual membership meetings held in the fall of each year. The Board of Directors shall number no fewer than three and no more than one-fifth of the number of member groups in good standing on the day of the Annual Meeting. Fifty percent (50%) of the members of the Board of Directors must be the voting representatives of low-income member organizations of Alabama Arise.

Meetings of the full board shall be held at least quarterly during the year and shall be held at locations established by the Board.

Alabama Arise shall be governed by a simple majority rule of those present and a quorum shall be those persons present at Board meetings.

All members of the Board of Directors shall serve for one year except that successive terms are permitted.

All affairs of Alabama Arise shall be conducted by the Board of Directors as required by the By-laws and the Articles of Incorporation, except that annual organizational priorities, membership criteria and annual budgets shall be established and approved by the full membership during annual membership meetings.

Meetings of the members shall be held at least three times each year, except that special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors or by petition of a simple majority of the members. Time, date and location of membership meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have and possess all powers to hire and discharge employees, to enter into contracts and to raise and expend funds as required to conduct the business of the organization, except that no activities may be conducted which are in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or By-laws of the organization; which are illegal under the laws of Alabama or the United States; or which are in conflict with the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 as it applies to organizations approved as tax exempt under section 501(c)(4) of that act.

No member of the Board of Directors or of the membership shall receive any payment or compensation for services rendered except in reimbursement for costs directly associated with their service to the organization.

In the case of a Board of Directors' vacancy that occurs between Annual Meetings, Board members

may elect a replacement.

Members of the Board of Directors may be removed from the Board for good cause, including inability or unwillingness to serve; fraud, theft or misappropriation of organizational resources; or failure to comply with duly adopted resolutions of the Board or the membership, or with the Articles of Incorporation or By-laws of Alabama Arise. Removal of a member of the Board of Directors, prior to the expiration of his/her term, requires a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present, except in cases of fraud, embezzlement or misappropriation of organizational resources. In cases of fraud, embezzlement or misappropriation, a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors is required to suspend a member of the Board until a vote can be taken at the next regularly scheduled or special meeting of the membership. At such meeting, a simple majority vote of the membership present is required for final removal.

## **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS**

Officers of the Board of Directors of Alabama Arise shall be as follows:

**President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall be Chairperson of the Board of Directors. The President shall be a director of the corporation. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees, sign such papers as may be required by his/her office or as may be required by the Board of Directors, make such reports at any regular or special meetings concerning the work and affairs of the corporation as in his/her judgment are necessary, and shall perform other duties as are required by the office.

**Vice President.** The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the event of his/her absence, resignation, refusal to act or inability to act.

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall be responsible for the following: to issue in writing all notices of meetings, to notify individuals elected to office and to the Board of Directors, to keep complete minutes and records of the meetings of the Board, to be custodian of all records of the corporation, except such records and papers as shall be kept by the Treasurer, to sign such papers as may be required of his/her office or as directed by the Board of Directors, and to perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office.

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the following: to receive all monies of the corporation and have custody thereof, to deposit the funds of the corporation in one or more banks selected by the Board of Directors, to disburse funds in accordance with the directions of and upon the signatures of persons designated by the Board, to keep a full account of all monies received and paid out and make such reports thereof to the President, the Board of Directors and the membership as required, to sign such papers as required by his/her office or as may be directed by the Board of Directors and to perform other duties as may be incidental to his/her office.

The Board of Directors may remove any officer with or without causes whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby. Any officer so removed shall continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors except as otherwise described in these By-laws.

In case of a vacancy in any office, the Board of Directors may elect a new officer.

## **ARTICLE VII NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

All members shall be notified of membership meetings through their designated representatives at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Individual members shall be notified personally of all membership meetings at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Members of the Board of Directors shall be notified of all regular Board meetings at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Nothing in this section, however, shall preclude emergency meetings of the Board of Directors provided that all members of the Board of Directors must receive written or verbal notice of an emergency meeting of the Board at least 48 hours before the time of that meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII ANNUAL MEETING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES**

An annual meeting of the members of Alabama Arise shall be held in the fall of each year prior to the regular session of the Alabama Legislature. During this meeting advocacy priorities for the organization shall be established. The procedure for the establishment of priorities shall be as follows:

- (1) Full members of Alabama Arise may offer proposals to the membership for consideration as priorities. Proposals must be offered in writing no less than two weeks prior to the membership meeting and a representative of the member organization must be present at the membership meeting and must verbally present that organization's proposal to the full membership. The format for presentation of proposals shall vary from time to time and shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- (2) The Board of Directors shall have the authority, prior to the membership meeting, to determine that a specified proposal does not have as its goal the elimination or alleviation of poverty and is, therefore, not eligible for consideration by the membership. In the event that the Board of Directors so decides, the organization offering the proposal has the right to appeal this decision to the full membership.
- (3) At the annual membership meeting, organizations represented by designated persons shall select priorities which they desire to address during the coming year. Proposals receiving the most votes from members shall be designated Alabama Arise priorities except that no more than seven priorities can be established in any given year. Also at an Annual Meeting, the membership may set multi-year advocacy priorities, subject to review and amendment at subsequent Annual Meetings.
- (4) Notwithstanding the limitation on priorities described above, Alabama Arise members can, by majority vote of those present, establish additional supportive positions on proposals which will not be considered priorities requiring commitment of Alabama Arise resources but on which Alabama Arise expresses a position of support.

- (5) The Board of Directors or Legislative Committee of Alabama Arise shall have the authority to amend the specific language or details of established priorities as required for successful advocacy.
- (6) Recognizing that member organizations of Alabama Arise may differ on specific issues of public concern, the Board of Directors and the membership shall strive to achieve consensus support for established priorities and shall be sensitive to the values and deeply held beliefs of individual member organizations.

#### **ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES**

There shall be a standing Legislative Committee, consisting of three to fifteen members of the Board of Directors, which shall meet on a weekly basis during a legislative session in which Alabama Arise priority issues may be considered. This committee shall develop, implement and amend legislative strategies as required by the needs of the organization.

There shall be a standing Coordinating Committee, consisting of three to fifteen members of the Board of Directors, which shall meet on a monthly basis and which shall be empowered to act on behalf of the full Board of Directors in the interim between regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Committees which address specific issues of public policy or specific needs of the organization may be established from time to time by the Board of Directors or the membership of the organization. A member of the Board of Directors shall serve as an *ex-officio* member of all committees.

#### **ARTICLE X APPEALS**

Any full member of Alabama Arise dissatisfied with the action or failure to act of the Board of Directors may appeal for reconsideration of that act or failure by submitting a request to the Secretary within 30 days prior to the next regularly scheduled Board or membership meeting. At the next regularly scheduled Board or membership meeting, the dissatisfied member may present its reasons for dissatisfaction and the question shall be resolved by majority vote of those persons present with full voting rights.

#### **ARTICLE XI FINANCIAL PROCEDURES**

An annual budget of Alabama Arise shall be approved by the membership at each annual membership meeting. Changes to that budget as required by increases or reductions in funds or by the on-going needs of the organization shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Financial statements shall be submitted by the Treasurer at each scheduled Board or membership meeting.

All disbursements must be approved in writing by an officer of the Board of Directors and all checks issued must be signed by at least two persons designated by the Board of Directors.

Alabama Arise shall be audited annually and shall submit reports as required by the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Alabama.

## **ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws shall be amended by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the voting members of Alabama Arise present at a regularly scheduled membership meeting. Any full member of Alabama Arise may submit proposed amendments in writing no less than 30 days prior to the meeting. The proposal will be sent to all members of Alabama Arise no less than two weeks prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.



--APPENDIX I--

**MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

Organizations seeking membership in Alabama Arise will be approved by majority vote of designated representatives of Alabama Arise member organizations present at a regularly scheduled membership meeting. Member organizations shall base their votes on three criteria:

1. That the organization endorses the purpose of Alabama Arise: "to work towards the elimination of poverty in Alabama and the nation and towards the alleviation of the effects of poverty on the lives of low-income residents of Alabama and the nation."
2. That the organization's history and reputation be consistent with this endorsement.
3. That the organization's membership will enhance the reputation and effectiveness of Alabama Arise in its advocacy efforts.

The Board of Directors will review applications for membership (the Memorandum of Understanding) and will make recommendations to the membership.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Alabama Arise and \_\_\_\_\_ enter into this agreement in order to speak with a strong, united voice to the Alabama Legislature in support of policies that would eliminate or alleviate the effects of poverty. We agree to work together for a legislative agenda established by a consensus of the member organizations, as modified from time to time by a vote of the membership.

We understand that we also automatically become members of Arise Citizens' Policy Project, and we commit to work through ACPP to understand poverty in Alabama and to help organize citizens in support of fairer public policies toward the poor.

We agree to the following mutual responsibilities and obligations:

**Responsibilities of Member Organizations**

- To participate fully in the selection of legislative priorities and Board members at the Annual Meeting. In a given year, members select not more than seven legislative priorities; they select them by majority vote; and they strive for consensus support of priorities, staying sensitive to the values and deeply held beliefs of individual organizations. Board members are elected democratically to one-year terms.
- To contribute financially to support the hiring of staff, office and outreach expenses, and expenses of communication with members. Each member is asked to contribute at least \$500 per year if at all possible. The minimum membership contribution is \$100, unless a waiver is granted by the Board of Directors.
- To commit organizational resources, especially human resources, to the lobbying effort. To distribute action alerts and information on legislative activity to the organization's constituency and to urge them to undertake lobbying efforts as needed. To name a Contact Person to serve as voting representative to periodic meetings of Alabama Arise, which will occur at least three times per year.
- To utilize the lobbyist and name of Alabama Arise only for those issues identified as priorities by the membership of Alabama Arise. This does not, however, limit the right of any member organization to lobby independently on other issues or to inform other members of legislative developments on issues not endorsed by Alabama Arise.

**Responsibilities of the Board of Directors**

*The Board of Directors is composed of three to fifteen Contact Persons of member organizations. At least 50% of the Board's members must be representatives of low-income member organizations. The Board's responsibilities:*

- To devise strategy for outreach, education, organizing, and lobbying.
- To supervise staff members.

- To monitor the financial affairs of the organization.
- To make decisions about legislative strategy when time factors preclude a meeting or polling of the entire membership.

### **Responsibilities of the Legislative Coordinator**

- To attend meetings of the Legislature and appropriate legislative committees dealing with priority legislation and report the status of that legislation to the Board.
- To represent Alabama Arise on priority legislation in interaction with members of the Legislature, administrative agencies, and the Governor's office.

### **Responsibilities of the State Coordinator**

- To communicate with members about the work of the Legislative Coordinator: To alert members to the status of priority legislation and challenge them to take specific action steps such as contacting their local legislators.
- To communicate with members about the work of the Board of Directors: To encourage their participation in organizing and lobbying strategies, and to seek input from coalition members.
- To lead outreach efforts to build the name of Alabama Arise and to recruit new members.
- To coordinate educational campaigns on the priority issues.

**THIS ORGANIZATION HAS DECIDED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ALABAMA ARISE and Arise Citizens' Policy Project. WE UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE ROLES AND MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED IN THIS MEMORANDUM.**

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This year we will contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed.  Pledged.

We have attached additional names and addresses (no more than five) of our members who should receive Alabama Arise mailings.

This organization  should /  should not (*check one*) be considered a low-income organization. A low-income organization is one in which at least half its members have incomes below the poverty line. Arise encourages low-income organizations to name a low-income Contact Person.

Mail check, payable to **Alabama Arise**, to  
**Alabama Arise**  
P. O. Box 612  
Montgomery, AL 36101  
For more information, call (800) 832-9060.

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box
  - If you are filing for an Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time** - Only submit original (no copies needed)

Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041.

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Form 8868 can be filed electronically if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for corporate Form 990-T filers). However, you cannot file it electronically if you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension, instead you must submit the fully completed signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile)

<b>Type or print</b>	Name of Exempt Organization <b>ALABAMA ARISE, INC</b>	Employer identification number <b>63-1030975</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>207 MONTGOMERY STREET, NO. 810</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>MONTGOMERY, AL 36104</b>	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

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|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

- The books are in the care of ▶ KIMBLE FORRISTER  
 Telephone No. ▶ 334-832-9060 FAX No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

- 1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a Form 990-T corporation) extension of time until FEBRUARY 15, 2006 to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
  - ▶  calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or
  - ▶  tax year beginning JUL 1, 2004, and ending JUN 30, 2005
- 2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period
- 3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. \$ N/A

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

- If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box  **X**
- Note:** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

**Part II Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time - Must file Original and One Copy.**

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Name of Exempt Organization <b>ALABAMA ARISE, INC</b>	Employer identification number <b>63-1030975</b>
Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>207 MONTGOMERY STREET, NO. 810</b>	For IRS use only
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions <b>MONTGOMERY, AL 36104</b>	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

- Form 990   
  Form 990-EZ   
  Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)   
  Form 1041-A   
  Form 5227   
  Form 8870  
 Form 990-BL   
 Form 990-PF   
 Form 990-T (trust other than above)   
 Form 4720   
 Form 6069

**STOP: Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

- The books are in the care of **KIMBLE FORRISTER**  
Telephone No. **334-832-9060** FAX No. \_\_\_\_\_
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for **part of the group**, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2006**
- 5 For calendar year \_\_\_\_\_, or other tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2004** and ending **JUN 30, 2005**
- 6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension

**TAXPAYER IS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO GATHER THE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE TIMELY FILING OF THIS RETURN AND AN EXTENSION IS REQUESTED.**

- 8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions \$ **N/A**

**Signature and Verification**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature **Thomas P. Gilliland** Title **CPA** Date **2-11-06**

**Notice to Applicant - To Be Completed by the IRS**

- We have approved this application. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
- We have not approved this application. However, we have granted a 10-day grace period from the later of the date shown below or the due date of the organization's return (including any prior extensions) This grace period is considered to be a valid extension of time for elections otherwise required to be made on a timely return. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
- We have not approved this application. After considering the reasons stated in item 7, we cannot grant your request for an extension of time to file. We are not granting a 10-day grace period.
- We cannot consider this application because it was filed after the extended due date of the return.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Mailing Address - Enter the address if you want the copy of this application for an alternate address different than the one entered above.

Name <b>THOMAS P. GILLILAND, CPA</b>
Number and street (include suite, room, or apt. no.) or a P.O. box number <b>WILSON PRICE, CPAS, 3815 INTERSTATE CT.</b>
City or town, province or state, and country (including postal or ZIP code) <b>MONTGOMERY, AL 36109-5220</b>

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**EXTENSION APPROVED**

**MAR 03 2006**

**FIELD DIRECTOR,  
SUBMISSION PROCESSING, OGDEN**