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October 29, 2008

Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: Trees of Hope.org, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find two originals of the Articles of Incorporation of Trees of Hope.org, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$78.75 representing the filing fee, registered agent fee and certified copy fee.

Please be kind enough to file the enclosed Articles and return a certified copy of the filed Articles to us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Cathy Schlegel

Legal Assistant to Kenneth M. Jones

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Enclosure

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

Marine Sound

Trees of Hope.org, Inc.

A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

# ARTICLE ONE Name and Principal Office

The name of this Corporation is Trees of Hope.org, Inc. The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 67 Royal Palm Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

## ARTICLE TWO Statement of Corporate Nature

This Corporation is a Not-for-Profit Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

## ARTICLE THREE Purpose

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are confined to such purposes as would qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that section.

This Corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on corporations generally under the laws of the State of Florida. However, this Corporation is not empowered to engage in any activity which is not in itself in furtherance of its purposes as a corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(3), as set forth in the preceding paragraph of this Article, or as a corporation to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, nor is it empowered to engage in any activities described in the succeeding paragraphs of this Article.

This Corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. Nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private person or individual, or any officer, or trustee of this Corporation on dissolution or otherwise, and on liquidation or dissolution, all properties and assets of this Corporation remaining after payment or provision for all debts and obligations shall be distributed and paid over to such fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated for charitable purposes as the Board of Directors shall determine, and as shall at that time qualify as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws and has also qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 23701(d) of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Florida law.

## ARTICLE FOUR Tax Provisions

All references to "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended from time to time.

The Corporation shall distribute such amounts at such times and in such a manner as to not become subject to the tax under Section 4942 of the Code.

The Corporation is prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing (as defined in Section 4942 of the Code).

The Corporation is prohibited from retaining any excess business holdings (as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code).

The Corporation is prohibited from making any investments in such a manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code and from making any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

# ARTICLE FIVE Dedication of Property

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or to the benefit of any private individual. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

If this Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the county in which the Corporation has its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General of the State of Florida or by a person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

# ARTICLE SIX Perpetual Existence

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing on the date of filing of these articles.

### ARTICLE SEVEN Board of Directors

The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of not less than one (1) and no more than three (3) directors and shall be elected as provided in the By-Laws.

The officers of this corporation shall be a President and Secretary, and such other officers as may be set forth in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE EIGHT Members of the Board of Directors

The name and address for the members of the first Board of Directors, who shall hold office from the organization of this corporation to the first annual meeting thereof, or until their successors are elected and have qualified, is as follows:

Darlene Prioetto

67 Royal Palm Drive

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

#### ARTICLE NINE Officers

The following shall hold office named until his/her successor shall be regularly elected and qualified:

President

Darlene Prioetto

67 Royal Palm Drive

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Secretary

Darlene Prioetto

67 Royal Palm Drive

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

#### ARTICLE TEN

**Incorporator** 

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Darlene Prioetto

67 Royal Palm Drive

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

# ARTICLE ELEVEN Registered Agent and Registered Office

The corporation hereby designates Darlene Prioetto, 67 Royal Palm Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, as Registered Agent for service of process. The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office shall be 67 Royal Palm Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

Said registered agent having been named to accept service of process for the corporation agrees to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida Statute 48.901 relative thereto.

DARLENE PRIOETTO

DARLENE PRIOETTO

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared DARLENE PRIOETTO, who is to me well known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged before me that she signed the same freely and voluntarily and for the purposes herein stated, and she (is personally known to me) or (produced

as identification) and that an oath was not taken.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at 4800NE/044AUE FT LINLIDERCHE Broward County, Florida, this 27 day of OCTOBER, 2008.

My Commission Expires: 2/4/09

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Public State of Florida
Dawn H Shepard
My Commission DD388306
Expires 02/04/2009