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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F. S., (Not for Profit)

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the corporation shall be "Abhyasa Ashram, Inc."

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

115 Hughes St., #A1 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

ARTICLE III: MAILING ADDRESS: The mailing address of the corporation is 115 Hughes St., #A1, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

ARTICLE IV: REGISTERED AGENT: The name of the registered agent of the corporation is Swami Jnaneshvara Bharati. The address of this registered agent is 115 Hughes St., #A1, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

ARTICLE V: DURATION/MEMBERSHIP: The period of duration is perpetual. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The method of selection of the Board of Directors and number of directors shall be stated in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATORS: The name and address of the incorporator is Hannah T. Frank, 6181 Ritman Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

ARTICLE VIII: CORPORATE PURPOSES: The corporation is formed exclusively for the following purposes, all within the meaning of religion under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended or modified or replaced by any future United States internal revenue law (the "Code"). Specifically, the corporation's purpose shall be:

- to provide a community of meditation and contemplation that is devoted to training and nurturing those who deeply long for the direct experience of union with the eternal, pure center of consciousness, the bliss of being that is one with the absolute reality, as the wave who seeks to remember it is one with the ocean (one word for that union is yoga);
- (2) to provide practical instruction and training in the diverse teachings and practices of meditation and contemplation of the over 5000-year-old tradition of the Himalayan meditation

masters, as represented and communicated through the lineage of Swami Rama of the Himalayas and the orders of Shankaracharya, which are captured in the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, Advaita Vedanta, and Samaya Tantra (Sri Vidya);

- (3) to make known that the goal of sadhana or practices is the highest joy that comes from the realization in direct experience of the center of conciousness, the self, the Atman or Purusha (which is one and the same with the Absolute Reality);
- (4) to teach the classical approaches of Raja, Jnana, Karma and Bhakti Yoga, as well as Hatha, Kriya, Kundalini, Laya, Mantra, Nada, Siddha and Tantra Yoga so that meditation, contemplation, mantra and prayer finally converge into a unified force directed towards the final stage, piezeing the pearl of wisdom called bindu, leading to the Absolute;
- (5) to provide these principles and practices in ways that emphasize the practical application of the principles so that people may advance on the path of direct experience of the highest realization;
- (6) to provide these teachings and practices in nonsectarian and nondenominational ways, such that they are applicable to all people, of all religions, as intended by the Himalayan sages;
- (7) to respect the diverse self-awareness and yogic teachings of many spiritual traditions and religions in an nondenominational spirit, acknowledging that all religions, denominations, and sects, as well as the whole of humanity, while having many beautiful and unique cultural and societal colorings, have emerged from the same source;
- (8) to provide proximate and distance educational, instructional, teaching, or training services including, but not limited to, classes, conferences, courses, online programs, one-to-one sessions, training, retreats, schools, seminars, training programs, and workshops related to these teachings and practices;
- (9) to provide benevolent support or funding for charitable causes deemed to match the values of the corporation; and
- (10) to serve humanity selflessly, in a spirit of loving all, and excluding none, with all people, cultures, and religions acknowledged as an expression of the one absolute reality, called by many names, including God.

The corporation shall have all power and authority to do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies, including without limitation the following:

- (1) to purchase, sell, hypothecate, mortgage, or lease such real and personal property as may be necessary for the purpose of the corporation, including an ashram (spiritual training center);
- (2) to execute deeds, contracts, agreements and obligations necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose of the corporation described in this Section and to accept and execute any trust, the purpose whereof is lawful under said laws and consistent with the purposes of this corporation;
- (3) to do each and everything necessary, suitable, or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes herein enumerated, or which may at any time appear conducive or expedient for the benefit of protection of this corporation;
- (4) to receive offerings and contributions; to receive, manage, take and hold real, personal and/or mixed property by gift, grant, devise, or bequest, and to sell or dispose of the same for the benefit of the corporation; to receive compensation for services and materials enumerated above;
- (5) to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation;
- (6) to produce and provide training materials, including, but not limited to printed matter and any form of multi-media or online materials related to these areas enumerated above; and
- (7) to provide accessories such as meditation cushions, seats, and shawls, and literature such as books, magazines, multimedia, or other materials similar to those enumerated above that would be in the furtherance of the purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX: 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

- 1. CORPORATE PURPOSES: Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- 2. EXCLUSIVITY: The corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes.
- 3. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT: The corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

- 4. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 5. DISSOLUTION: Upon winding up and dissolution of the corporation, the assets of the corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.
- 6. "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" PROVISIONS: In the event this corporation is considered to be a "Private Foundation" by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under provisions of the United States Code the following provisions apply:
 - a.) The corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
 - b.) The corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
 - c.) The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
 - d.) The corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
 - e.) The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE X: INDEMNIFICATION - Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence

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or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

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These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this 25^{th} day of May, 2010.

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REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for Abhyasa Ashram, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation.

Swami Juanestvara Bhara 115 Hughes St., #A1 Fort Walton Beach, FL

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