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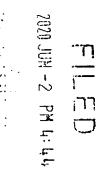
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION LIFELINE WOMEN TRANSITIONAL SHELTER & SERVICES INC. (A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)

We, the undersigned, being competent to contract and desirous of forming a corporation for non-profit purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree and submit the following as and for our Articles of Incorporation:

Effective 06-07-2020

ARTICLE I – NAME/ADDRESS

The name of this corporation shall be:

LIFELINE WOMEN TRANSITIONAL SHELTER & SERVICES INC

Its principal place of business shall be:

1301 NW 4 STREET

FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33311



The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless dissolved sooner by operation of law or by corporate resolution.

# ARTICLE III - VISION/MISSION/PURPOSE

THE VISION of LIFELINE WOMEN TRANSITIONAL SHELTER & SERVICES INC; to be a safe haven that provides temporary protection and support for women escaping domestic violence, intimate partner violence of all forms, women who are recently released from incarceration and women who have found themselves to be homeless.

THE MISSION of LIFELINE WOMEN TRANSITIONAL SHELTER & SERVICES INC Is to provide a safe place to recoup from the damaging effects of domestic violence, drug addiction, homelessness and anything that poses danger....not just for themselves, but for their children also. We will offer them an environment to encourage their potential, rather than crush their self-image. The shelter offers space to rebuild their life, regain sustainable employment and mentorship services that teach, equip and motivate women and their families,

**OUR PURPOSE** as a non-profit organization is to promote the national agenda for eliminating homelessness for women living in domestic violence. Our families will understand the importance of becoming employed, making wise decisions regarding their family, understand money management and the importance of building good credit, they will learn how these life skills helps them to secure permanent housing, but also how it impact their entire family by leaving violent relationships and becoming financially sustainable adult's, and how it assists in the development of the communities they reside in.

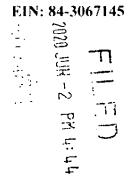
The purpose of our corporation is exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code and herein stated as follows:

### ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

There Shall Be NO Members

### ARTICLE V – INCORPORATOR

I am the incorporator submitting these Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s. 817.155, F.S. I acknowledge that I have read the "Notice of Annual Report" statement and understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1st and May 1st in the calendar year following formation of this corporation and every year thereafter to maintain "active" status:



Teysha Jones 1301 NW 4 STREET

FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33311

Incorporator Signature:

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### ARTICLE VI – THE OFFICES

Section 1: The offices of this corporation shall be President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and other offices that may from time to time be required to carry out the business of the corporation. The following persons are to serve within these offices initially until the first annual meeting of the corporation or until their successors are duly elected.

SEE BOARD OF DIRECTORSOFFICERS BELOW

### ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors & Officers, consisting of not less than three (3) and never more than five (5) Directors. The Directors/Officers shall be members of the corporation and elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation. The name and address of the person who are to serve as Directors/Officers initially, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation are:

Teysha Jones - President/Director 1301 NW 4 STREET

FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33311

Tanya Delanie - Vice President/Director 1301 NW 4 STREET

FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33311

Sherry Vertil - Secretary/Treasurer

1301 NW 4 STREET FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33311

### ARTICLE VIII - POWERS

The Corporation shall possesses and exercise all the powers and privileges granted by Chapters 617 of the Florida Statutes, or by any other law of Florida, together with all powers necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the activities or purposes of the Corporation, limited only by the restrictions set forth in these Article of Incorporation.

The Corporation is organized as a not-for-profit entity, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, 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 in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as provided in section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS

The by-laws of the corporation shall be made, altered, and rescinded by a majority vote of the Board Members at a regular or special meeting of the corporation, subject to all notice and quorum requirements.

# ARTICLES X – NON-PROFIT DISSOLUTION OF TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

Upon the dissolution and winding up of the organization after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, association, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501(c)(3) of

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and which has established its tax-exempt status under that section or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or shall be distributed to federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, and which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

### ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a regular or special meeting of the corporation, provided all notice and quorum requirements are met.

### ARTICLE XII – REGISTERED AGENT AND ACCEPTANCE

First, having been organized as a Not-for-Profit Corporation, LIFELINE WOMEN TRANSITIONAL SHELTER & SERVICES INC hereby designates **Sherry Vertil**, as its Registered Agent to accept process of service on its behalf at its place of business located at 1301 NW 4th Street. Fort Lauderdale FL 33311

**ACCEPTANCE:** "Having been advised of the responsibilities of a Registered Agent and having been designated by the above-named corporation. I hereby accept to act in this capacity on this 5th day of May, 2020.

Sherry Vertil, Registered Agent

5-23-20