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Re: Articles of Incorporation

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation for THE WHITMERMAID CHARITY, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, and a check in the amount seventy dollars (\$70.00) for the same.

Should you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Best,

MACLEAN AND EMA, P.A.



Madeline R. MacLean, Esquire
For the Firm

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE WHITMERMAID CHARITY, INC.,
(A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION)

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, makes and adopts the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be: THE WHITMERMAID CHARITY, INC.

ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 813 SE 16th Court, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441.

The mailing address of the Corporation shall 813 SE 16th Court, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441.

ARTICLE III
GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS

The Corporation is organized 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 of 1986, as amended from time to time (herein referred to as the "Code"), or corresponding section of any future Federal tax laws.

The general nature, object, purpose and powers of the Corporation shall be:

A. To do benevolent and charitable acts; to assist the needy and underprivileged; to assist persons, children and families who are neglected; to expend funds for educational purposes.

B. To make gifts or contributions to charitable corporations, trusts, funds or foundations, hospitals, wards or departments thereof; schools, churches, Sunday schools and religious or civic

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organizations; orphanages or homes for the aged or infirm; Federal, State and local government or sub-divisions thereof; and to further medical or scientific research.

C. To conduct benefits, social functions and other forms of entertainment or business for the promotion and advancement of the benevolent and charitable purposes of the Corporation.

D. To make contributions to any organization as described in §501 (c)(3) of the Code, other than an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.

E. In general, to carry out the purposes described in Paragraphs A, B, C, and D hereof, to raise funds through contributions and to exercise any and all powers which it may now or hereafter be lawful for the Corporation to do or exercise under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida within the restrictions of §501(c)(3) of the Code, for the purposes of accomplishing the foregoing purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV CHARITABLE RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The purposes and operation of this Corporation shall be specifically restricted and limited as follows:

A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers, agents, 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.

B. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation; nor shall it in any manner or to any extent participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; nor shall the Corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable Federal, State, or local laws.

C. The Corporation shall not: (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit; (2) engage in any prohibited transactions as described in § 503 of the Code; or (3) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status by virtue of §504 of the Code.

ARTICLE V NO MEMBERS

The corporation shall not have members, and shall not issue membership certificates. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock

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**ARTICLE VI
NOT-FOR-PROFIT**

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3). If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation, and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

**ARTICLE VII
LIMITATION**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable to its members (if the corporation ever has any), directors or officers. However, 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 set forth in Article III hereof.

**ARTICLE VIII
TAX-EXEMPT STATUS**

It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation 26 U.S.C. § 501(a) as an organization described in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 509. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3). All references in these articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

**ARTICLE IX
CORPORATE POWERS**

As a means of accomplishing the purposes set forth in Article III hereof, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

A. To purchase, acquire, own, hold, guarantee, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, loan, option or otherwise dispose of and deal in any bonds, securities, evidences of indebtedness or personal property, as well as to purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, option or otherwise dispose of and deal in real estate; and, as the owner of any such real or personal property, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership; however, said activities shall at all times be subservient to and in furtherance of the charitable religious, educational and scientific purposes of the Corporation.

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B. To receive contributions, gifts, bequests and devises, and to accept transfers and assignments of money, real or personal property, from any person, trust, firm, corporation or association, subject to such conditions, charges and retained, reserved or contracted for estates, life estates, interests, annuities, or periodic payment obligations as may exist or be agreed upon the foregoing to be utilized in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Corporation; to enter into agreements or contracts for regular or irregular contributions to the Corporation for its objects and purposes.

C. To establish and maintain an office or offices, and to employ such assistance, clerical force, agents and employees as may be necessary and proper in the judgment of the Board of Directors; and to pay reasonable compensation for services performed by persons so retained or employed, including Directors and officers of the Corporation, and to reimburse out of earnings or capital, such persons for expenses they may pay or incur while acting for the Corporation and in furtherance of its purposes.

D. To distribute, from time to time in the manner, form and method and by the means determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, any and all forms of contributions and other property received by it, including net earnings on its property and investments, but only in carrying out the objects of the Corporation and in the furtherance of its purposes; and to distribute and apply its earnings and property, as aforesaid, either directly for the Corporation's purposes, or indirectly therefor by means of contributions or gifts to corporations, trusts, funds, associations or other organizations organized exclusively for such purposes and no part of whose net earnings shall or may inure to the benefit of any private Director, shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of whose activities consists of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

E. To contract and be contracted with, including, without limitation, the power to borrow or lend money, to mortgage, pledge, option or hypothecate assets; in connection with any authorized transaction; to execute or issue and deliver any appropriate document or writing, including, without limitation, bonds, debentures, notes, checks, leases, deeds, options, assignments and bills of sale, and to sue and be sued.

F. To invest and reinvest its funds in such stock, common or preferred, bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property as its Board of Directors shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, devise, grant, or gift, provided such limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provisions of §501 (c)(3) of the Code, and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

G. To adopt and use a corporate seal, if desired and deemed necessary, but this shall not be compulsory unless required by law.

H. To do all acts and things requisite, necessary, proper and desirable to carry out and further the objects for which the Corporation is formed and in general to have all the rights, privileges, and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits of the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations of this character.

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I. In general, and subject to such limitations and conditions as are or may be prescribed by law, to exercise such other powers which now are or hereafter may be conferred by law upon Corporation organized for the purposes hereinabove set forth, or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the Corporation, subject to the further limitation and condition that, notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, only such powers shall be exercised as are in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of the Corporation and as may be exercised by an organization exempt under §501 (c)(3) of the Code, and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended and by any organization contributions to which are deductible under §170(c)(2) of the Code, and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

J. All of the above and the foregoing are to be construed both as objects and powers and it is expressly provided that the specific objects and powers enumerated herein shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers of the Corporation, except that no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall in any manner, including any dissolution, inure to the benefit of any Director, officer, employee, person or persons having a personal or private interest in the affairs of the Corporation, and the Corporation shall have no power to issue stock or in any manner constitute any individual or individuals as shareholders in the sense that any part of the net income of the Corporation would inure to the benefit of such shareholder or shareholders. Upon any dissolution of the Corporation, the assets, after payment of debts and charges and reasonable necessary expenses of dissolution, shall be distributed, pursuant to law, whether by court decree or in such other manner as may now or hereafter be authorized by statute to or in furtherance of the benevolent or charitable purposes in these Articles of Incorporation or to one or more organizations which would then qualify under §501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and Regulations now existing or as they may be hereafter amended, provided such organization or organizations be described in §170(b) (1) (A) (other than in clauses (vii) or (viii)), each having been in existence and so described for a continuous period of at least sixty calendar months.

ARTICLE X TERRITORY OF OPERATIONS

The territory in which the operations of the Corporation are principally to be conducted is the State of Florida of the United States of America, and its territories and possessions, but the operations of the Corporation shall not be limited to such territory.

ARTICLE XI TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE XII DIRECTORS

The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be not less than three (3) or more than seven (7) and as fixed from time to time by the Directors. Any adult of good character, integrity and prudence is qualified for Directorship and may be elected at any annual or special meeting of Directors held for that purpose by a vote of a majority of the remaining Directors, although less than a quorum.

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or by a sole remaining Director. Directors shall be elected until their respective successors are elected and have qualified. No Director shall be personally liable to the creditors of the Corporation for any of the debts or liabilities of the Corporation. No Director shall be liable to any assessment. No Director shall have the right to sell or transfer his or her Directorship or his or her rights or privileges as such, or to substitute another person as a Director in his or her place. Any person ceasing to be a Director, whether voluntarily or by expulsion or by death, shall forfeit all rights and privileges of Directorship. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall have the right and power to expel any Director of the Corporation with or without cause. Provisions for special meetings of Directors shall be made in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The annual meeting of Directors shall be held during the first quarter of each calendar year, at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors, or on such other day in lieu thereof as may be provided for in the Bylaws or by the Board of Directors acting pursuant to the Bylaws.

The names and addresses of the initial Directors who shall serve as the Board of Directors until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows:

DIRECTOR NAME:	ADDRESS:
MIKAELA L. WHITMER	813 SE 16TH COURT DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA 33441
JILL McNALLY	755 NE 39TH STREET BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431
CARA McNALLY	2800 NE 47TH STREET LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA 33064
HEATHER ESTHER REINOEHL	813 SE 16TH COURT DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33441

ARTICLE XIII OFFICERS

The Officers of this Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and any such other officers as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time. They shall be elected by the Board of Directors at each annual meeting of the Board of Directors, or at any special meeting thereof, and may be discharged at any time by said Board of Directors. Officers must be Directors.

The President shall: (1) have the general management and control of all the property and affairs and business of said Corporation and shall exercise all the powers and be responsible for

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the performance of all the duties and policies of said Corporation, subject however to the control of the Board of Directors: (2) preside at all meetings of the Directors of the Corporation: (3) appoint and remove agents and employees of the Corporation: (4) have the independent authority to disburse funds and to sign all checks for the payment of money in accordance with the directions of the Board of Directors (the treasurer shall be provided with the same independent authority below) (5) sign all deeds, mortgages, and other written instrument of the Corporation: and, (6) the performance of all other tasks that may be directed by the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors or the President. In case of the death, disability, removal, or unplanned absence of the President, the Vice-President may perform all the duties of the President.

The Secretary shall: (1) have custody (or arrange with the Corporation's legal counsel to maintain custody) of these Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, corporate seal and such other books and records of the Corporation as the Board of Directors shall direct: (2) seal and attest all deeds, mortgages, and other written records and instruments of said Corporation: (3) keep a list of all the Directors of the Corporation, their home and office addresses and their email addresses as updated by the Directors from time to time: and, (4) keep a record of the votes and minutes of meetings of the Directors of the Corporation and shall have the custody of all the books, records, seal, papers, and other documents of said Corporation.

The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Corporation. Under the direction of the Board of Directors, the treasurer shall: (1) have custody and control of all the funds and securities of the Corporation: (2) keep accounts of all moneys, properties and effects of the Corporation: (3) deposit all money and checks of this Corporation to the credit of this Corporation in such bank or banks or other institution as the President shall designate: (4) have the independent authority to disburse funds and to sign all checks for the payment of money in accordance with the directions of the Board of Directors (the president shall be provided with the same independent authority above): (5) shall render an account of all financial transactions of the Corporation and of the financial condition of the Corporation, pursuant to generally accepted accounting practices (GAAP): and, (6) to perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or by the Board of Directors.

The name and address of each initial officer of the Corporation and his or her respective office are as follows:

OFFICER NAME & ADDRESS:	OFFICE:
MIKAELA L. WHITMER 813 SE 16TH COURT DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA 33441	PRESIDENT

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813 SE 16TH COURT
DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33441

VICE PRESIDENT

JILL McNALLY
755 NE 39TH STREET
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431

TREASURER

CARA McNALLY
2800 NE 47TH STREET
LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA 33064

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ARTICLE XIV BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

A. The Bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted by the vote of the majority of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be amended by the action of a majority of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

B. The provisions of these Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XV REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 2600 N.E. 14th Street Causeway, City of Pompano Beach, State of Florida 33062. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is MacLean and Ema, P.A.

ARTICLE XVI DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Directors of the Corporation shall, after payment of or due provision for all liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation, exclusively for and in accordance with the charitable, educational and religious purposes of the Corporation within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. Any such assets not so disposed of by the Directors shall be placed in the custodianship of, and disposed of by, the United States District Court, having jurisdiction over the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then situated, exclusively for and in furtherance of the charitable, educational and religious purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.

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**ARTICLE XVII
INDEMNIFICATION AND CIVIL LIABILITY IMMUNITY**

The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

**ARTICLE XVIII
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

**MIKAELA L. WHITMER
813 SE 16TH COURT
DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33441**

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, being the sole incorporator of this, **THE WHITMERMAID CHARITY, INC.**, for the purpose of forming this not-for-profit charitable corporation under the laws of Florida, have executed these articles of incorporation pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0202, Florida Statutes on January 13th, 2023. I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in Section, 817.155, Florida Statutes.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS ON THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.


MIKAELA L. WHITMER, INCORPORATOR

**ARTICLE XIX
CERTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in these articles, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

MACLEAN AND EMA, P.A.

BY: 
MADELINE R. MACLEAN, ESQUIRE

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