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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
THE BETHEL EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**

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ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation is The Bethel Empowerment Foundation, Inc. This nonprofit corporation is organized for general purposes, pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not For Profit Laws as set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and shall have perpetual existence. The corporation shall commence existence on the date these Articles are filed with the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE II.

The location and mailing address of the principal office of the corporation is 435 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

ARTICLE III.

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are :

- (a) To operate in any manner supportive of religious, charitable and educational efforts consistent with the criteria to qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or for any corresponding purposes of any future Internal Revenue laws, including laws for private foundations;
- (b) To develop, maintain, provide, and participate in educational programs for the general public, for church and religious organizations, and for private groups;
- (c) To provide support and assistance for community development and economic development; and
- (d) To receive, invest, and disburse funds and to hold property for the purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

The number of Directors of the Foundation shall be not more than (13) thirteen nor less than (7) seven. The manner in which the Directors are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation which are to be adopted at the initial meeting of the Directors.

ARTICLE V.

The name and address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is Carolyn D. Cummings, 1020 East Lafayette Street, Suite 205, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

ARTICLE VI.

The names and addresses of the initial Directors of the Foundation shall be:

NAME	ADDRESS
Lenora Doltie	2502 Old Bainbridge Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32303
Jennifer Forrest	3133 Brandywine Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32312
John Hale, Esq.	5531 Pedrick Plantation Circle Tallahassee, FL 32308
Reverend R. B. Holmes, Jr.	2300 Monaco Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308
Cecil Howard, Esq.	1311 Paul Russell Road Tallahassee, FL 32301
Edward Howard	611 Famcee Ave. Tallahassee, FL 32310
James Matthews	4186 Fred George Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32303

ARTICLE VII.

In all events and under all circumstances, notwithstanding merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, winding up of this corporation, voluntarily or involuntarily, or by operation of law, or upon amendment of the Articles of Incorporation the following shall apply:

1. No part of the assets or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its incorporators, directors, officers, or other private persons having a personal or private interest in the corporation, other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses rendered by any person employed by the corporation and incurred in carrying out the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

2 The corporation shall be expressly prohibited from conducting or carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence the Legislature, or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, or any other activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any other corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Laws.

ARTICLE VIII.

That subject to such express restrictions and conditions as set forth herein or otherwise applicable under any federal or state law or regulation, the By-laws of the corporation may be altered, amended, rescinded, adopted or added to by appropriate action of the Directors of the corporation at a meeting of the Directors and in a time and manner provided for in the By-laws.

ARTICLE IX.

That subject to such express restrictions and conditions as set forth herein or otherwise applicable under any federal or state law or regulation, any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed, voted on, and adopted by resolution at the time and in the manner provided for in the By-laws at an annual or special meeting of the Directors, and the resolution adopted shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

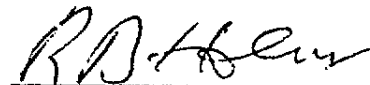
ARTICLE X.

In the event of the disposition of any surplus or abandoned property of the corporation, or upon dissolution, voluntarily or otherwise, the assets of the corporation shall not inure to the benefit of any member or individual, but shall be transferred to one or more other exempt organizations as described in Section 501 (c) (3) or 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or any other corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue law) and which shall have as its primary purpose those same responsibilities as specified in Article III hereof or as may be performed by the Board of Directors of the corporation in furtherance of such responsibilities.

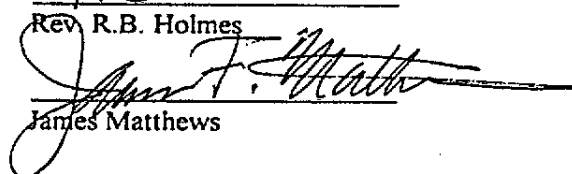
ARTICLE XI.

Each officer, director, employee and agent of the corporation shall be entitled to indemnification by virtue of their acts on behalf of the corporation and to the full extent provided in Section 607.0850 and Section 671.028, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the incorporators hereinabove named, for the purpose of forming a coporation pursuant to the Corporations Not-for-Profit Statutes, Chapter 617, State of Florida, does make and file these Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true and hereunto set their hands and seals this 13th day of February, 1996.



Rev. R.B. Holmes



James Matthews

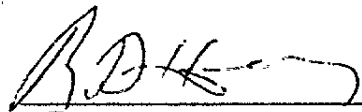
**STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE
OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE
OF THE BETHEL EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**

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Pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes, Sections 48 091 and 607.034 (3), the undersigned as Incorporators of The Bethel Empowerment Foundation, Inc., hereby file this statement of the designation and acceptance of the initial registered agent of the Corporation.

The street address of the initial registered offices of this Corporation is 1020 East Lafayette Street, Suite 205, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 and the name of the registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Carolyn D. Cummings.

DATED this 3rd day of February, 1996.




ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept appointment as the registered agent of The Bethel Empowerment Foundation, Inc., at the initial registered office of the Corporation at 1020 East Lafayette Street, Suite 205, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

DATED this 3rd day of February, 1996.

