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# KANCHA BUDDHIST CENTER

*SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR ~ GESHE KELSANG GYATSO*

*WEBSITE: WWW.MEDITATIONINFLORIDA.ORG*

June 23, 2004

Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
Corporate Filings  
PO Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Sir/Madam,

I enclose a filing for Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Kancha Buddhist Center (a non-profit organization), unanimously approved by the Board and the Members at Board and Special Members Meetings held on June 9, 2004, at Kancha Buddhist Center.

I enclose the completed filing form, two copies of the Restated Articles of Incorporation, and a check for \$43.75 (\$35 filing fee plus \$8.75 certified copy fee).

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra Tracey  
Chairperson

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**  
**to**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**of**

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KANCHHA BUDDHIST CENTER INC.  
(present name)

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(Document Number of Corporation (If known))

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.*

**FIRST:** Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER (S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)

ARTICLES 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, AMENDED

ARTICLES 10, 11, DELETED

**SECOND:** The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: JUNE 9, 2004

**THIRD:** Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)

☒ The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.

Sandra Tracey  
Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

SANDRA TRACEY  
Typed or printed name

PRESIDENT  
Title

JUNE 30, 2004  
Date

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Restated  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Kancha Buddhist Center Inc.

A Florida Religious Corporation Not for Profit

**Article 1.**

The name of the corporation is Kancha Buddhist Center Inc.

**Article 2.**

This corporation is a nonprofit religious corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act exclusively for religious purposes. The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is promotion of the Buddhist Faith under the spiritual guidance of the elected General Spiritual Director of the New Kadampa Tradition principally through the activities of teaching, study, practice and the observance of moral discipline all within the Buddhist tradition of Je Tsongkhapa as taught by Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso, the Founder of the New Kadampa Tradition, through the three New Kadampa Tradition Study Programs: (1) The General Program; (2) the Foundation Program; and (3) the Teacher Training Program as defined in the bylaws.

In accordance with Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act § 617.0202(2)(i), this corporation is created under the authority of the New Kadampa Tradition and shall follow the *Internal Rules of the New Kadampa Tradition*. The Spiritual Director of Kancha Buddhist Center, Inc., FEI No. 650944589, shall always be the elected General Spiritual Director of the New Kadampa Tradition.

The New Kadampa Tradition is defined as the union of Kadampa Buddhist Centers, the international association of study and meditation centers that follow the pure tradition of Mahayana Buddhism derived from the Buddhist meditator and scholar Je Tsongkhapa, introduced into the West by the Buddhist teacher Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso; and that follow the three New Kadampa Tradition Study Programs defined in Article 2 of the Bylaws; and that are guided by the code of moral discipline called the *Internal Rules of the New Kadampa Tradition*.

**Article 3.**

- (a) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, and the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a

corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (C)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- (c) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distributing statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### **Article 4.**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, specifically to the promotion of Buddhism of the New Kadampa Tradition, as defined in Article 2, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of its directors, trustees, officers, teachers, members, or to any individual. Pursuant to the *Internal Rules of the New Kadampa Tradition*, the Spiritual Director of the corporation shall have the authority to prevent the misuse of the corporation's property in accomplishing this purpose.

Whenever this corporation's authorization is withdrawn by the Spiritual Director pursuant to the *Internal Rules of the New Kadampa Tradition*, this corporation shall dissolve and carry out all activities necessary to affect such dissolution.

On the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, for whatever reason, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the Spiritual Director of the corporation shall have the authority to distribute the remaining assets of this corporation to an organization (or organizations) whose objects are exactly the same as the objects of this corporation and that is tax exempt under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenues Code.

#### **Article 5.**

Neither Article 2, the general and specific purposes of this corporation, nor this Article 5 may be changed without the formal written permission of the Spiritual Director of the corporation and without the unanimous agreement of all members of the corporation in general meeting.

#### **Article 6.**

The manner in which Directors of this corporation are to be elected is set forth in the corporation's bylaws.

#### **Article 7.**

The names and addresses of the Directors of this corporation are as follows:

|                   |                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Elizabeth Barrett | 422 Central Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236 |
| Kathleen Singh    | 422 Central Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236 |
| Sandra Tracey     | 422 Central Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236 |

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Russ Ferdinand      422 Central Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236

**Article 8.**

The principal address of the corporation for business and mailing is:

422 Central Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34236

**Article 9.**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent of this corporation is:

William Hansen  
422 Central Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34236