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1. ARTICLE IX. INCORPORATOR #

The name and residence of the Incorporator to these Articles is:

Kendal Hicks, 1923 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33990

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

FOR

### **CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.** (A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation)

We, the undersigned, with other persons desirous of forming a Corporation for charitable and philanthropic purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

#### ARTICLE I. CORPORATE NAME

The name of this corporation is **CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.**

#### ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business is 2655 N. Airport Road, Fort Myers, FL 33907, and the mailing address is P. O. Box 61845, Fort Myers, Florida 33906-1845.

#### ARTICLE III. PURPOSES

**CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA** is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and community services purposes within the meaning of Sections 170(c)(2), 501(c)(3), 2055(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or 1986, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of said Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

The corporation is organized to assist and encourage homeschooling families in the Lee County, Florida area, and for any lawful purpose or purposes not for pecuniary profit and not specifically prohibited to corporations under other laws of this state.

**CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA** will attempt to serve all current and potential CHESF members regardless of race, sex or national origin.

#### ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

## ARTICLE V. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

All persons interested in furthering the purposes of the Corporation may become a member upon signing and delivering to the Secretary of the Corporation a membership application form and meeting such uniform conditions as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be as prescribed in the corporation's by-laws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors for the first year or until the first annual meeting of the corporation are:

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Address</u>   |
|----------------|--|
| Steve Shelfer  | 609 Greenwood Avenue<br>Lehigh Acres, FL 33972                 |
| Kendal Hicks   | 1923 SE 11 <sup>th</sup> Terrace<br>Cape Coral, FL 33990       |
| Delmer Shipley | 605 Wellington Avenue<br>Lehigh Acres, FL 33972                |
| Tina Loson     | 1345 SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Apt. 1<br>Cape Coral, FL 33990 |

## ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall be a president, vice president, a secretary and a treasurer and other officers as may be provided in the By-laws. Officers shall be elected as provided in the By-laws. The names of the persons who are to serve as initial officers of the corporation are:

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| President:      | Kendal Hicks   |
| Vice President: | Steve Shelfer  |
| Secretary:      | Tina Loson     |
| Treasurer:      | Delmer Shipley |

The treasurer of the corporation shall at all times be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII. POWERS

Section 1. This corporation shall have the power to do any and all things necessary or expedient for carrying out the objectives and purposes of the corporation, and in general to possess all rights, privileges, and immunities, granted to corporations similar in character under the laws of the State of Florida, or which may hereafter be conferred or permitted, which are necessary or convenient to effect any and all purposes for which the corporation has been created.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not have the power to distribute any part of its assets or net earnings, current or accumulated, except for actual expenses incurred for conducting business of the corporation, to any of its members, directors, officers, or perform any act or exercise, or not exercise, any power which would deprive it of tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended the IRS Regulations adopted thereunder, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or regulations, or cause it not be a corporation, charitable contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the IRS Regulations adopted thereunder, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or regulations.

## ARTICLE IX. INCORPORATOR

The name and residence of the Incorporator to these Articles is:

Kendal Hicks, 1923 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33990

## ARTICLE X. BYLAWS

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such By-laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Section 2. Upon proper notice, the by-laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

## ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the members of the corporation at any regular business meeting called for that purpose provided proper notice has been given at previous regular business meeting, by a majority vote of these present.

Section 2. Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the By-laws, of intention to submit such amendments.

## ARTICLE XII. NON-PROFIT STATUS

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual or member.

Section 2. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda, or otherwise act to influence legislation, except as minimally needed to support the purpose of the corporation.

## ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting for the election of members of the Board of Directors and Officers shall be held as may be provided in the By-laws.

Section 2. The Corporation may provide in its By-laws for the holding of additional regular meetings and any special meetings and shall provide notice of all such meetings.

## ARTICLE XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No person, firm, or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation and upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this corporation.


## ARTICLE XV. INDEMNIFICATION

Each officer and director of the corporation shall not be personally liable for monetary damages to any person for any act, statement, vote, decision, or failure to take any actions, regarding organizational management or policy. The corporation shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the directors and officers of the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, costs, judgments, fines, and settlements, reasonably incurred or imposed as a result of any proceeding or threatened proceeding to which such person may become involved by reason of serving or having served the corporation as an Officer or Director of the corporation provided that the Board of Directors approves indemnification as being in the best interests of the corporation by a resolution setting forth the reasons for such approval, duly adopted and recorded in the minutes of the corporation. No indemnification shall be permitted where a court competent jurisdiction decides the party seeking indemnification was guilty of willful malfeasance in the performance of such person's duties. This right to indemnification shall not be exclusive of any rights to which a person seeking indemnification might be entitled, except for gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

ARTICLES XVI. INITIAL OFFICE AND INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office is 8724 Crest Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33907. The initial Registered Agent of Debbi Coe.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 22 day of January, 2002.

  
Kendal Hicks, Incorporator

## ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

**CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.** to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal offices, as indicted in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida, has named Debbi Coe, located at 8724 Crest Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33907, County of Lee, State of Florida as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

### ACCEPTANCE:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

BY: Debbi Coe  
DEBBI COE  
Registered Agent

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