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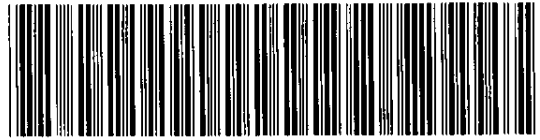
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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

In re: The Braelen Foundation, Inc.

Dear New Filing Personnel:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation which I am requesting be filed with the Secretary of State. Additionally I am requesting a certified copy and Certificate of Status of the filed Articles of Incorporation. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$87.50 made payable to the Florida Department of State to cover the costs of the filing fee, certification of the registered agent, a certificate of status and a certified copy of the filed articles of incorporation.

The following is the name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address for future contact and annual report notification:

Kokita Dirton Wilson  
313 Harts Oak Place  
Seffner, FL 33584  
Telephone: (813) 610-2546  
E-Mail: wilsonkokita@gmail.com

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Sheron Alves Bass, Esquire  
9385 North 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 311  
Tampa, FL 33617

Thank you for your assistance in processing this application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheron Alves Bass".

Sheron Alves Bass, Esquire

Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE BRAELEN FOUNDATION, INC.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as incorporator, of a corporation under the Florida Corporations Not For Profit Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of the Corporation is The Braelen Foundation, Inc.

**ARTICLE II  
DURATION**

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual and shall become effective upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSE**

This corporation is being 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) (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) and for any lawful purpose as permitted by the Florida Corporations Not For Profit Act. The specific purpose of The Braelen Foundation includes, without limitation to provide financial, physical, emotional and spiritual assistance to the survivors of homicide victims (including those related to the victim through blood, marriage or mutual association); to support the communities in which they live through professional development assistance; and to support communities at large through recognition for projects, humanitarian ethos, publications, teaching and individual achievements.

**ARTICLE IV  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the initial principal office of business of the Corporation is 313 Harts Oak Place, Seffner, Florida 33584.

**ARTICLE V  
DISTRUBTUON OF EARNINGS**

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 Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to

which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code.)

**ARTICLE VI  
CORPORATE DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE VII  
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The method and election of directors shall be prescribed by the Bylaws of the Corporation. The initial officers and directors of this corporation shall be:

**Director/President:**

Kokita Dirton Wilson – 313 Harts Oak Place  
Seffner, Florida 33584

**Director:**

Dr. Donna Elam – 8215 Westfield Drive  
Port Richey, Florida 34668

**Director/Treasurer:**

Ron Haynes, Esquire – 2240 Lithia Center Lane  
Valrico, Florida 33596

**Director/Secretary:**

Chai Demoulin – 3911 Constantine Loop  
Wesley Chapel, Florida 33543

**Director/Vice President:**

Oscar Wilson – 313 Harts Oak Place  
Seffner, Florida 33584

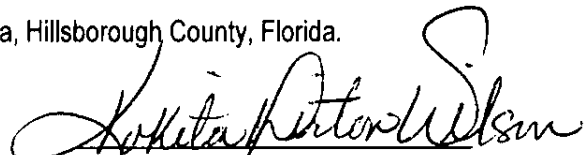
**ARTICLE VIII  
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS**

As set forth in the registered agent's written acceptance of his appointment, which is delivered to the Department of State together with these articles of incorporation, the Corporation's initial registered office is located at: 313 Harts Oak Place, Seffner, Florida 33584. The Corporation's initial registered agent at that office is Kokita Dirton Wilson.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as Registered Agent.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 at Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

  
Kokita Dirton Wilson

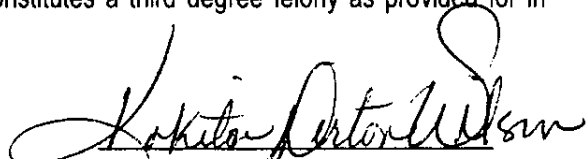
**ARTICLE IX  
INCORPORATOR**

The name and the street address of the incorporator is as follows:

Kokita Dirton Wilson  
313 Harts Oak Place  
Seffner, Florida 33584

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. I am aware that the false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in §817.155, Florida Statutes.

  
Kokita Dirton Wilson