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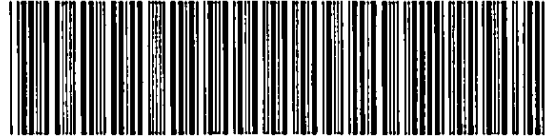
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# COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF SUMTER COUNTY, Inc

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

\$70.00  
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\$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
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Status

\$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

\$87.50  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Ronald Renna  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

2399 Clearwater Run  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

The Villages, FL 32162  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

352-617-3610  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

rrenna@cscsi.net  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**



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March 14, 2018

RONALD RENNA  
2399 CLEARWATER RUN  
THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

SUBJECT: SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS OF SUMTER COUNTY,  
INC.  
Ref. Number: W18000014811

We have received your document for SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS OF SUMTER COUNTY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You must list the corporation's principal street address and/or a mailing address in the document. A post office box is not acceptable for the principal address.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

(In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S.,- Not for Profit)

of

**SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF SUMTER COUNTY INC.**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

I, being a natural person of the age of 21 years or more and a member of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Sumter County, State of Florida, an unincorporated association, being duly authorized and empowered by a resolution passed and adopted by the Bahá'í Community of Sumter County, State of Florida, on January 15, 2018 for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida; DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

**Article ONE:** The name of the corporation is SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF SUMTER COUNTY, INC.

**Article TWO:** The name and address of the initial registered agent, incorporator, and registered office are:

Registered Agent: Ronald Renna

Registered Office: 2399 Clearwater Run, The Villages, FL 32162 Sumter

**Article THREE:** The first Board of Directors shall be nine in number, their names and addresses being as follows:

NAMES OF DIRECTORS

ADDRESS

James Schear

2055 Westchester Way, The Villages, FL 32162

Jacque Latzer

2889 Stepping Stone Path, The Villages, FL 32163

Kathy Morton	1875 Chancey Way, The Villages, FL 32162
Lisa Beavers	872 Mandrake Street, The Villages, FL 32162
Jenny Heldrich	1980 Loadstar Ave., The Villages, FL 32162
Diane Loftus	1301 Carolina Court, The Villages, FL 32162
Dave Hincken	2019 Thurmond Ave., The Villages, FL 32162
Toni Renna	2399 Clearwater Run, The Villages, FL 32162
Ronald Renna	2399 Clearwater Run, The Villages, FL 32162

**Article FOUR:** The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

FIRST: The corporation is organized exclusively for religious and charitable 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 (the "Code") or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

SECOND: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, trustees, incorporators or any other private persons, except that the corporation shall be allowed to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in FIRST 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) of the Code (or the

corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

THIRD: The corporation is organized for the establishment and maintenance of religious worship and spiritual activities in Sumter County, Florida in accordance with the principles of the Bahá'í Faith as set forth by Bahá'u'lláh, its Founder; 'Abdu'l-Bahá, its Interpreter and Exemplar; Shoghi Effendi, its Guardian; the Universal House of Justice, its supreme legislative body; and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States, the duly constituted administrative authority in and for the United States of America except the states of Alaska and Hawaii and all United States trusts and territories; and further for the doing of any and all things necessary and incident to the performance of the purposes above set forth insofar as the same are permissible under the statute governing this corporation.

**Article FIVE:** The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

**Article SIX:** The principal office of this corporation is to be located in Sumter County, FL. Address: The Spiritual Assembly of Sumter County, 2889 Stepping Stone Path, The Villages, FL 32163.

**Article SEVEN:** These Articles of Incorporation may be amended from time to time in the manner provided by law.

**Article EIGHT:** Upon dissolution of the corporation, liquidation or abandonment of its property, assets remaining after the payment of, or provision for the payment of, all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States if then in existence and exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the

organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**Article NINE:** Manner of Election: An election call letter should be distributed individually by hand or mail to all adult believers who are eligible to vote in the Assembly's jurisdiction, with the exception of those who have requested not to be contacted, no less than fifteen days prior to the election. While the election call should not be sent by email, election notes or reminders may be emailed as supplements to the call. The election call should include:

- Clear instructions about when and where the election will take place
- A ballot with places to enter exactly nine names
- Instructions for voting in person or by absentee ballot

**Article TEN:** Effective Date: Within 5 working days from the date of receipt.

*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated not for profit corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

*Ronald Kenna*

3-9-18

*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 s.817.155, F.S.*

*Ronald Kenna*

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