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## **Articles of Incorporation**

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OKEECHOBEE FLORIDA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH "SWWITNESSES, FINC.

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### Amended & Restated June 10th, 2001

Executed by the undersigned for the purpose of perpetuating a not-for-profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act:

The amendment was adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval. The date of adoption of the amendment was June 10, 2001.

Article I

The name of this Corporation is West Okeechobee Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc. The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is:

West Okeechobee Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses 8250 Highway 70 West Okeechobee, FL 34974

#### Article II

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### Article III

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are religious and specifically (1) to provide and maintain a proper place of worship for the benefit of Jehovah's Witnesses in and around the State of Florida and for those who desire to attend such worship conducted by Jehovah's Witnesses in order to learn the truths and beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses, which are based upon the Bible, the written word of Almighty God, Jehovah; and (2) to acquire by gift, legacy, bequest, purchase, or lease; hold or manage; and/or mortgage, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of real estate and personal property in any lawful manner that may seem proper and best to provide and maintain such place of worship.

#### Article IV

The Corporation shall have members. The number of members, members' qualifications, and other matters pertaining to members shall be as provided in the bylaws.

#### Article V

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, and no part of the net earnings or assets of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of a Director, Officer, or member of the Corporation or any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this Corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. This Corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3). Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of the future United States tax code) or (2) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code).

#### Article VI

Upon the winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, after paying or adequately providing for debts and obligations of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. No assets will be deemed to be received by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. until such acceptance is evidenced in writing. If Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Inc. is not then in existence and exempt from federal income tax under Section 510 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code), then said assets shall be distributed to any organization designated by the ecclesiastical Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses that is organized and operated for religious purposes and is a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding section of any future United States tax code).

#### **Article VII**

- A. The number of Directors shall be three.
- B. Directors' qualifications, the manner of electing Directors, and other matters pertaining to Directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws.
- C. To the extent permitted by Law, no Director, Officer, or Member of the Corporation shall be personally liable for any debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Corporation.

#### **Article VIII**

The address of the Registered Office of the Corporation and the name of the Registered Agent at that address is:

NAME: David R. Brazil 260 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Terrace Okeechobee, FL 34972

### **Article IX**

The name and address of the Incorporator for THESE Articles is:

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Harold Thibodeau 8250 Highway 70 West Okeechobee, FL 34974

Harold Thihodeau

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, 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.

David R Brazil

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida does make, file and record these Articles, and certifies that the facts herein stated are true.

NAME HAROLD THIBODEAU TITLE PRESIDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF OKCEPHODEE

(NAME OF COUNTY)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Florida at Large, personally appeared NAME, the above named INSERT TITLE...IF INCORPORATOR AND/OR REGISTERED AGENT, with whom I am personally acquainted (OR INSERT APERSON WHO PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME IDENTIFYING HIMSELF/HERSELF BY PROVIDING A PHOTO FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENSE (#), who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County last aforesaid this

day of

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Notary Public

State of Florida at Large

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