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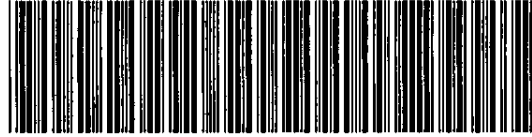
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AUBREY STOUT / GLADIOLUS CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAHS WIT
8830 PASEO DE VALENCIA
FORT MYERS, FL 33908 US

SUBJECT: THE GLADIOLUS CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES,
INC.
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TO: Amendment Section
Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION: The Gladiolus Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 739096

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Aubrey Stout

Name of Contact Person

Gladiolus Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses of Fort Myers Florida

Firm/ Company

8830 Paseo de Valencia

Address

Fort Myers, FL 33908

City/ State and Zip Code

rbc5tom@yahoo.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Tom Holtz

at (239)

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Name of Contact Person

Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE GLADIOLUS CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC.**

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Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1007, Florida Statutes, this Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation adopts the following Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation is GLADIOLUS CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, INC. The principal place of business is 10850 Gladiolus Drive SW, Fort Myers, FL 33908
Mailing address for the Corporation is 8830 Paseo de Valencia, Fort Myers FL 33908

ARTICLE II

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the 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 those who desire to attend such worship conducted by Jehovah's Witnesses in order to learn the truths of the faith 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 and 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 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 any future United States tax code) or 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 this 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 Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., until such acceptance is evidenced in writing. If Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., is not then in existence and exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(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. The names and addresses of the directors are:

Aubrey F. Stout

8830 Paseo de Valencia
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Thomas E. Holtz

7171 Emily Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

James D. Cox

13937 Village Creek Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Directors' qualifications, the manner of electing directors, and other matters pertaining to directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

B. 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 are:

Name: Aubrey F. Stout
Street Address: 8830 Paseo de Valencia, Fort Myers, FL 33908

I, the undersigned Secretary of The Gladiolus Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc. ("Corporation") certify that a meeting of the members of the Congregation was held on 25 MARCH, 2016 at which meeting a majority of the members were present, the members adopted, ratified and approved a resolution to amend and restate the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation and that the number of votes cast were sufficient to approve such resolution.

Thomas E. Holtz
Thomas E. Holtz, Secretary

Date: 25 MARCH, 2016

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.

Aubrey F. Stout
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