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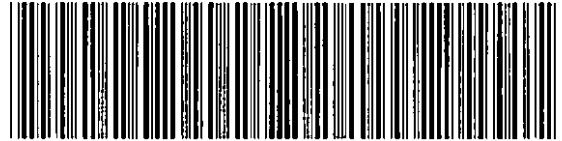
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TO: Amendment Section  
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NAME OF CORPORATION: The 17th East Park Baptist Church of Saint Petersburg,  
Florida, Inc., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 713,149

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

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

George Ludwig  
(Name of Contact Person)

The 17th East Park Baptist Church of Saint Petersburg, Florida, Inc.  
(Firm/ Company) a Florida not for profit corporation

3937 First St. NE  
(Address)

St. Petersburg, FL 33704  
(City/ State and Zip Code)

gludwig@bighthouse.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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Tina Williams at (727) 391.9200  
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Enclosed is a check for the following amount made payable to the Florida Department of State:

- ☒ \$35 Filing Fee    ☐ \$43.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status    ☐ \$43.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy (Additional copy is enclosed)    ☐ \$52.50 Filing Fee Certificate of Status Certified Copy (Additional Copy is Enclosed)

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Articles of Amendment  
to  
Articles of Incorporation  
of

The Northeast Park Baptist Church of Saint Petersburg, Florida, Inc.  
(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

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(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation: The Northeast Park Baptist Church of Saint Petersburg, Florida, Inc. F/K/A The North East Park Alice L. Criss Memorial Baptist Church of Saint Petersburg, Florida, Inc.  
name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:  
(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

N/A

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:  
(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

N/A

D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent:

1 Beach Dr SE #804

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

S. Petersburg

(City)

Florida

33701

(Zip Code)

New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

N/A

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:

P = President; V = Vice President; T = Treasurer; S = Secretary; D = Director; TR = Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.

Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.

Example:

<u>X</u> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
<u>X</u> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<u>X</u> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

Type of Action (Check One)	Title	Name	Address
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>Trustee</u>	<u>George Ludwig</u>	<u>1 Beach Dr SE #304</u> <u>St Petersburg, FL 33701</u>
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:

(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

Articles of organization attached.

This is to clarify name change not found online  
with Sunbiz

Formerly known as: The North East Park  
Alice L. Crisp Memorial Baptist Church  
of Saint Petersburg, Florida, Inc

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The date of each amendment(s) adoption: May 19, 1977, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

**Note:** If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

☒ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.

- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated

July 30, 2024

Signature

George W. Ludwig, Trustee

(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

George Ludwig

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Trustee

(Title of person signing)

CERTIFICATE OF REINCORPORATION  
of  
THE NORTH EAST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH  
of  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC.

We, the undersigned members of the North East Park Alice L. Crisp Memorial Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, a non-profit Florida corporation, do with our associate members hereby adopt and declare the following as the Certificate of Reincorporation to supersede and replace the former Articles of Incorporation, filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County, a certified copy of which is hereto attached.

ARTICLE ONE. NAME

The name of this corporation is THE NORTH EAST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC.

ARTICLE TWO. STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE

This is a non-profit corporation organized solely for religious and general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporation Not for Profit law set forth in Part I of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE THREE. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

(a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of the Christian Religion, especially as taught in the doctrines of the Baptist Denomination, and most particularly by the Southern Baptist Convention of the aforesaid denomination, and for other religious and charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for such purposes, and particularly for providing a place of worship for its members in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, promoting religion and morality, carrying on home and foreign missions, and providing Christian education for the youth of the church.

(b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such religious and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt corporations under that Code.

(c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE FOUR. TERM

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

ARTICLE FIVE. RIGHTS AND POWERS OF CORPORATION

The North East Park Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, shall have the full right and power to determine its own conditions of membership; to elect its own officers; to appoint its own committees; and to conduct its affairs as a religious organization in every field of the Christian faith so as to promote the purpose of its incorporation as a non-profit corporation in accordance with the spirit and letter of the laws of the State of Florida.

The corporation shall have power and authority to buy, build, support, operate, lease, manage, sell and dispose of Baptist hospitals, or Baptist orphanages, either in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, or elsewhere in the State of Florida, or any state of the United States or its possessions, or in foreign lands. The corporation shall have full power and authority to engage in extension work such as establishing missions, mission schools, or other religious schools, either local or in the State of Florida, or any state of the United States, or its possessions, or foreign lands. It shall have power and authority to build or to buy, to support and maintain, and to sell and dispose of a home for the use of its pastor or assistants. It shall have full authority and power to own and acquire by gift, purchase, testamentary disposition, or donation, all forms of property including real estate, mortgages, deeds of trust, royalties in oils or minerals, debentures, certificates of indebtedness, annuities, corporate stocks, securities of all kinds and classes, and other forms of property. It shall have full power and authority to mortgage or hypothecate any of its property for the purpose of securing loans or funds with which to carry on any of its powers, functions and duties as aforesaid. It shall likewise have full power and authority to sell and dispose of any property owned by said corporation; and, in its corporate name, by its Board of Trustees, to vest the purchaser with a good and sufficient title to said property by deed, bill of sale, or other muniment of title. The corporation shall have full power and authority to engage in any charitable enterprise and to assist with money or with service any destitute member of the congregation who, by reason of illness or otherwise, is in need of aid and assistance. The corporation shall have power to create an annuity or retirement fund to pay to any retired pastor or assistant to the pastor such annual sum of money as may be determined by a majority vote of those present at any annual meeting of the corporation. The corporation shall have power and authority, by and through its Board of Trustees, to manage, take possession of, control, lease, let, and otherwise operate, all of the property of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE SIX. MEMBERSHIP

The qualification of membership of said corporation shall be determined in any one of four ways, to wit:

First. By the giving of satisfactory proof of conversion to the Christian Faith, namely, upon profession of faith in Christ as The Saviour, Lord, and Master of such convert, and the Baptism of such convert by immersion.

Second. By transfer of the church letter of the proposed member from another Baptist Church of the same Faith and Order.

Third. By the declaration, or statement, of the proposed member, that he or she formerly had been accepted into the membership and was in good standing in a Baptist Church of the same Faith and Order.

Fourth. By the restoration to membership of a former member of a Baptist Church of the same Faith and Order, who had, for some reason, been dismissed from membership.

Those applying for membership shall be received by the vote of the congregation at the regular services, without the necessity of the Church being convened in conference. In the admission of members, it is desirable that the vote shall be unanimous; but, if in any instance, objection is made, the case shall be referred without debate to the Pastor and Deacons for investigation and report; and, should the Church, upon hearing their report, regard the objection as invalid or unscriptural, the applicant may be received by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Any applicant for membership who complies with any one of the above requirements shall be received into the membership of the corporation, provided, however, that all persons who are now members of said corporation of The North East Park Baptist Church of St. Petersburg shall be, and may remain, members of said corporation, whether or not their names are subscribed to this proposed Charter.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN. LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

(a) The county in the State of Florida where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located is the County of Pinellas.

(b) The name and address of the corporation's registered agent is Pierre Canode at 4389 10th St., N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida 33703, the corporation's registered office.

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(c) Acceptance of Office:

Before me, the undersigned authority, appeared Pierre Canese, who being personally known to me, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing and knows that the North East Park Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, Inc. has designated him its registered agent and he has accepted such office and will faithfully perform all the duties which are a part of that office.

19<sup>th</sup> IN WITNESS WHEREOF the affiant hereunto sets his hand and seal this day of May, 1977.

Pierre Canese  
Pierre Canese

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1977.

Marie C. [Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission Expires Dec. 25, 1978.  
Notary Public, State of Florida

ARTICLE EIGHT. MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(a) Board of Trustees. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its legal and business affairs conducted by a board of trustees. The number of trustees of this corporation shall be five; provided, however, that such number may be changed by a bylaw duly adopted by the members. However, at no time shall the number of trustees be less than three.

The trustees named herein as the first Board of Trustees shall hold office until the annual meeting of members to be held on the second Wednesday of June, 1977, at 3737 First Street, N.E., Saint Petersburg, Florida, at which time an election of trustees shall be held.

Trustees shall hold office for terms as follows: one shall be elected and hold office for a term of one year; two shall be elected and hold office for terms of two years; and two shall be elected and hold office for terms of three years. Subsequently, a full term of office on the Board of Trustees shall be for a period of three years, after which a period of one year must elapse before a trustee can succeed himself in office. The Pastor shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees. In the event a vacancy is caused by death, resignation or for cause, said vacancy or vacancies may be filled by a special meeting of the members of the congregation called for that purpose at such time and upon such notice as in the discretion of the remaining members of the Board of Trustees shall be reasonable and proper. In the event such vacancy or vacancies are not filled at a special meeting, the said vacancy or vacancies shall be filled at the next annual meeting of the corporation.

Said Board of Trustees, acting as a Board of Directors, and their successors in office, shall have full charge of and power and supervision over the temporal affairs of said corporation and shall have charge of all of the property thereof, both real and personal, and shall have the full right and power to make, execute, and deliver, in the name of the corporation, by themselves as Trustees, deeds, bills of sale, contracts, bonds, notes, mortgages, assignments, leases, trust deeds, and all other and further similar instruments of indebtedness or conveyance, as may be necessary to carry out powers and functions of this corporation, in accordance with the direction of the members of the congregation of The North East Park Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, as evidenced by a majority vote of the members

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present at a regular business session of said corporation. Any business session of the church, for the purpose of giving directions and instructions to the Board of Trustees concerning the acquisition or disposal of property by the corporation may be called at any reasonable time by a majority of the Board of Trustees upon such notice as may be deemed reasonable by said majority of the Board of Trustees.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the trustees. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Trustees without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation authorize the trustees so to act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and residence addresses of such first members of the Board of Trustees are as follows: Raymond A. Bastedo, One Beach Drive, S.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; Alexander C. Jackson, 8264 15th Way, No., St. Petersburg, Florida; Charles A. Guess, 1900 Tanglewood Drive, N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; H. Dean Scott, 657 99th Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Florida; Robert Posno, Sr., 5851 1st St., N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida.

(b) Corporate Officers in Charge of Legal and Business Affairs. The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers: president, vice president, secretary, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the trustees to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers: President, Raymond A. Bastedo, One Beach Dr., S.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; Vice President, H. Dean Scott, 657 99th Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Florida; and Secretary, Alexander C. Jackson, 8264 15th Way, No., St. Petersburg, Florida.

(c) Corporate Officers in Charge of Spiritual Affairs. The spiritual affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the following officers, to wit:

First. The Pastor of the Church, who is called at a special meeting by the members of the corporation.

Second. Assistants to the Pastor of the Church, who are called at special meetings by the members of the corporation.

Third. The Deacon Council, composed of seven or more members, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation by a majority of the members present. They shall hold office for terms as follows: two shall be elected and shall hold office for one year; two shall be elected and hold office for two years; and three shall be elected and hold office for three years. Subsequently, a full term of office on the active Deacon Council shall be for three years, with the stipulation that a period of one year must elapse before a man can be elected to succeed himself. In the event a vacancy or vacancies are caused by death, resignation or for cause, said vacancy or vacancies may be filled by a special meeting of the members of the corporation called for that purpose and at such time and upon such notice as in the discretion of the remaining members of the Deacon Council shall be reasonable and proper. In the event such vacancy or vacancies are not filled at a special meeting, the said vacancy or vacancies shall be filled at the next annual meeting of the corporation. The Pastor shall be an ex-officio member of the Deacon Council.

#### ARTICLE NINE. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting of the corporation, on the second Wednesday of June of each and every year, or at such time as the corporation chooses to hold said election, provided that said election is held either at a regular business session of the Church, or at a specially called business session held for that purpose. The officers so elected shall take office on the first day of July of each year.

#### ARTICLE TEN. FIRST MANAGING OFFICERS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the following officers until the first regular election: Pastor, Ray H. Crawford, 9740 Oak St., N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; Minister of Education, Don Collins, 1140 Monterey Blvd., N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; Minister of Music and Youth, Marvin Ates, 3555 26th St., No., St. Petersburg, Florida; Assistant Pastor, T.R. Brown, 4617 25th Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Florida; the Deacon Council, composed of the following members: A.L. Arias, 559 Northwest Blvd., St. Petersburg, Florida; Pierre Canese, 4389 10th St., N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; Leroy Chamberlin, 1575 47th Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Florida; Donald Clark, 811 40th Ave., N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; Maurice Berry, 1444 79th Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Florida; Tommy Byrd, 432 39th Ave., N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; Alexander Jackson, 8264 15th Way, No., St. Petersburg, Florida; Dean Scott, 657 9th Ave., No., Apartment 102, St. Petersburg, Florida; Gene Smith, 344 83rd Ave., N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida; and William Tew, 450 26th Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Florida; the trustees whose names and addresses are listed above in Article Eight as the first Board of Trustees; and the president, vice president and secretary, whose names and addresses are listed above in Article Eight.

#### ARTICLE ELEVEN. BYLAWS

Any bylaws, rules or regulations, may be made, altered, or rescinded at any annual or special meeting of the corporation, by a majority of the members present and voting at said meeting, provided that notice of such proposed alterations or amendments shall have been given two weeks before said annual or special meeting.

#### ARTICLE TWELVE. DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious and charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE THIRTEEN. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. The name of such fund, foundation, or corporation shall be listed in the bylaws.

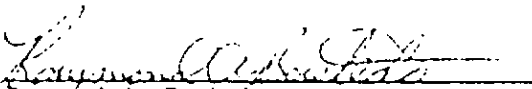
#### ARTICLE FOURTEEN. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of two-thirds of a quorum of members of the corporation.

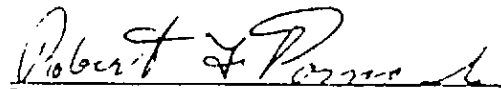
ARTICLE FIFTEEN. SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers to this Certificate of Reincorporation are listed below.

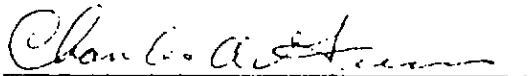
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribers hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 1977.



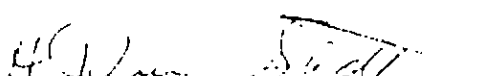
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One Beach Drive, S.E.  
St. Petersburg, Florida



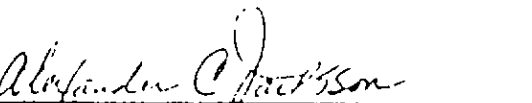
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St. Petersburg, Florida



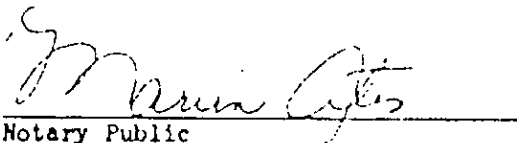
H. Dean Scott  
657 99th Ave., No.  
Apartment 102  
St. Petersburg, Florida



Alexander C. Jackson  
8264 15th Way, No.  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the foregoing signatories: RAYMOND A. BASTEDO, CHARLES A. GUESS, ALEXANDER C. JACKSON, ROBERT POSNO, SR., and H. DEAN SCOTT, who after being duly sworn depose and say that they have read the foregoing Certificate of Reincorporation and know the facts stated therein to be true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1977.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public, State of Florida at large  
My Commission Expires Dec. 26, 1980

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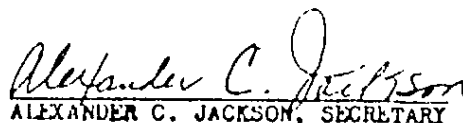
I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected and qualified President of the North East Park Alice L. Crisp Memorial Baptist Church of Saint Petersburg, a non-profit Florida corporation; that I have read the foregoing Certificate of Reincorporation and know the facts stated therein and know them to be true; that the issuance of the foregoing Certificate of Reincorporation was authorized by a majority of the members present and voting at a regularly called business meeting of the aforesaid corporation on the fourth day of May, 1977.

WITNESS my hand this 19 day of May, 1977.

  
RAYMOND A. BASTEDO, PRESIDENT

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected and qualified Secretary of the North East Park Alice L. Crisp Memorial Baptist Church of Saint Petersburg, a non-profit Florida corporation, and that on the date last above written Raymond A. Bastedo, President of the aforesaid corporation and personally known to me signed the foregoing Certificate of Reincorporation of said corporation in my presence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name as Secretary and have caused the corporate seal of said corporation to be hereunto affixed, this 19 day of May, 1977.

  
ALEXANDER C. JACKSON, SECRETARY