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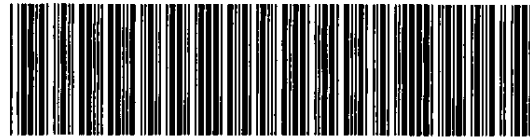
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## COVER LETTER

**TO:** New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:** African Vision of Hope  
Name of Corporation – must include suffix

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Not for Profit Corporation for Authorization to Conduct its Affairs in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", or "Certificate of Status" and check are submitted to register the above referenced not for profit corporation to conduct its affairs in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Harlon D. Keel, Paralegal

Name of Person

Lathrop & Gage LLP

Firm/Company

7701 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 500

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St. Louis, Missouri 63105

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Harlon D. Keel, Paralegal

at ( 314 ) 613-2815

Name of Person

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P.O. Box 6327  
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**STREET/COURIER ADDRESS:**  
New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations  
Clifton Building  
2661 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

- ☐ \$70.00 Filing Fee    ☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status    ☒ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy    ☐ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy

**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO  
CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA**

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 617.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO  
REGISTER A FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA:**

1. African Vision of Hope, Inc.

(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED" or "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present. "Company" or "Co." may not be used as a corporate suffix by a nonprofit corporation.)

(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)

2. Illinois

(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)

3. 71-0929252

(FEI number, if applicable)

4. January 21, 2003

(Date of Incorporation)

5. Perpetual

(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. N/A

(Date first conducted affairs in Florida if prior to registration. See sections 617.1501 & 617.1502, F.S. to determine penalty liability.)

7. 8 Professional Park Drive, Maryville, Illinois 62062

(Principal office address)

8 Professional Park Drive, Maryville, Illinois 62062

(Current mailing address)

8. See Attached Exhibit A

(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

Name: NRAI Services, Inc.

Office Address: 1200 South Pine Island Road

Plantation

(City)

Florida

33324

(Zip Code)

10. Registered agent's acceptance:

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, 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 relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

NRAI Services, Inc.

By: Jessica L. Heimann

(Registered agent's signature) Jessica L. Heimann, Asst. VP

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors

**A. DIRECTORS**

Chairman: See Attached Exhibit B

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**B. OFFICERS**

President: See Attached Exhibit C

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

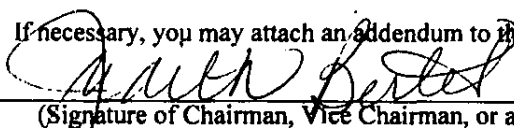
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Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE:** If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13.   
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Judith Bertels, President  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

**The purpose of the corporation is to operate exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. In particular, the corporation's primary purposes are:**

- (A) To spread God's love for the people of the African continent through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and through the provision of humanitarian aid, including, without limitation, food, shelter and medical care and supplies.**
- (B) To assist the people of the African continent in improving their lives through the provision of practical training, including, without limitation, job skills training, life skills training and spiritual training, and basic education, including, without limitation, primary education and secondary education.**
- (C) To coordinate and work with other religious, humanitarian, and educational organizations, whether based in the United States, Africa or elsewhere, and individuals, in achieving these goals, subject to the corporation's criteria for approval of collaborating organizations.**

**In addition, the Corporation may engage in any and all other lawful activities that are:**

- (A) Approved by the Board of Directors of the corporation;**
- (B) Appropriate for a nonprofit corporation organized under the Illinois General Not for Profit Corporation Act; and**
- (C) Appropriate for a corporation which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.**

**All of the assets and the earnings of the corporation shall be used exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and shall be subject to the following additional limitations:**

- (A) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its trustees, directors, 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 above.

- (B) 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 (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (C) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (ii) by a corporation, the contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

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**Exhibit B  
List of Directors**

| African Vision of Hope |          |                |            |                  | Report Date: 9/28/2015                           |           |
|------------------------|----------|----------------|------------|------------------|--|-----------|
| Name                   | Type     | Current/Former | Start Date | Termination Date | Address 1  | Address 2 |
| Judy Bertels           | Director | Current        | 1/21/2003  |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| Robert Bertels         | Director | Current        | 1/21/2003  |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| Martha Heape           | Director | Current        | 1/2/2010   |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| Ashley Day             | Director | Current        | 1/2/2012   |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| Steve Darr             | Director | Current        | 1/3/2014   |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| David Stogner          | Director | Current        | 1/3/2014   |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| Bonnie Burns-Schuette  | Director | Current        | 1/2/2015   |                  | Maryville, IL                                    |           |

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**Exhibit C  
List of Officers**

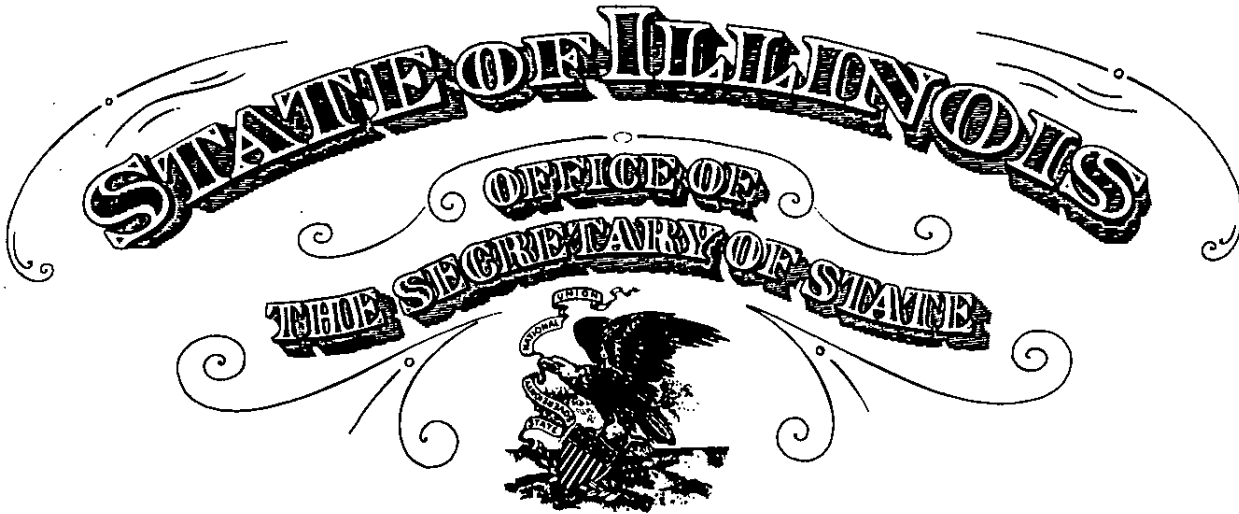
| African Vision of Hope |                |                |            |                  | Report Date: 9/29/2015                           |           |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------------|--|-----------|
| Name                   | Title          | Current/Former | Start Date | Termination Date | Address 1  | Address 2 |
| Judy Bertels           | President      | Current        | 1/21/2003  |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| Robert Bertels         | Vice President | Current        | 1/21/2003  |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| Martha Heape           | Secretary      | Current        | 1/2/2011   |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |
| Robert Bertels         | Treasurer      | Current        | 1/2/2015   |                  | 8 Professional Park Drive<br>Maryville, IL 62062 |           |

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**To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:**

**I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of the Department of Business Services. I certify that**

AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE, A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE ON JANUARY 21, 2003, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



**In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set**  
**my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of**  
**the State of Illinois, this 2ND**  
**day of OCTOBER A.D. 2015 .**

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