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## FOREIGN PROFIT/NONPROFIT CORPORATION

### Hope Enterprise Corporation

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## 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. Hope Enterprise Corporation

(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.)

Hope Enterprise Corporation of Mississippi

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

2. Mississippi 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 11/30/1993 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Incorporation) (Date of duration, if other than perpetual)

6. 04-20-20  
(Date first conducted affairs in Florida if prior to registration. See sections 617.1501 & 617.1502, F.S. to determine penalty liability.)

7. 4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US  
(Principal office street address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Current mailing address, if different)

8. Strengthen communities, build assets & improve lives in economic distressed areas of the Deep South by providing access to high-quality financial products & related services.  
(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: C T Corporation System

Office Address: 1200 South Pine Island Road

Plantation, Florida 33324  
(City) (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.*

C T Corporation System

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Registered agent's signature)

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.

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12. For initial indexing purposes, list names, titles and addresses of the primary officers and/or directors (up to six (6) total): SEE ATTACHED FOR ADDITIONAL

**A. DIRECTORS**

☒ Chairman Name: Mike Espy

☐ Vice Chairman Address: 4 Old River Pl, Jackson, MS

☐ Director \_\_\_\_\_

☐ President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chairman Name: Claiborne Barksdale

☐ Vice Chairman Address: 4 Old River Pl, Jackson, MS

☒ Director \_\_\_\_\_

☐ President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chairman Name: Bill Bynum

☐ Vice Chairman Address: 4 Old River Pl, Jackson, MS

☐ Director \_\_\_\_\_

☒ President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chairman Name: Alan Branson

☐ Vice Chairman Address: 4 Old River Pl, Jackson, MS

☐ Director \_\_\_\_\_

☐ President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Secretary ☒ Treasurer

☒ Other: TREASURER ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chairman Name: Ivy Allen

☐ Vice Chairman Address: 4 Old River Pl, Jackson, MS

☐ Director \_\_\_\_\_

☐ President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Secretary ☐ Treasurer

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chairman Name: Hodding Carter

☐ Vice Chairman Address: 4 Old River Pl, Jackson, MS

☒ Director \_\_\_\_\_

☐ President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

14. Alan Branson, TREASURER  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

HOPE ENTERPRISES CORPORATION – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Director # 1

Mike Espy

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Director # 2

Robert Gibbs

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Director # 3

Billy Percy

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Director # 4

Claiborne Barksdale

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Director # 5

Hodding Carter

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Director # 6

Ronnie Crudup

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Director # 7

Alex Wise

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Director # 8

Ivy Allen

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Director # 9

Susannah Carrier

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Director # 10

Blanche Lincoln

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Director # 11

Fred Miller

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Director # 12

Anne Marie Burgoyne

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Director # 13

Maurice Jones

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Director # 14

Dan Letendre

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Director # 15

Martha Murphy

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Director # 16

Jeffrey Nolan

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Officer # 1

CEO/PRESIDENT- Bill Bynum

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Officer # 2

Treasurer- Alan Branson

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Officer # 3

COO- Pearl Wicks

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US

Officer # 4

Secretary- Ivey Allen

4 Old River Place, JACKSON, Mississippi, 39202, US



**Michael Watson**  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I, MICHAEL WATSON, Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, and as such, the legal custodian of the records as required by the laws of Mississippi, to be filed in my office, do hereby certify:

That on the 30th day of November, 1993, the State of Mississippi issued a Charter/Certificate of Authority to:

**HOPE ENTERPRISE CORPORATION**

That the state of incorporation is Mississippi.

That the period of duration is perpetual.

That according to the records of this office, Articles of Dissolution or a Certificate of Withdrawal have not been filed.

I further certify that all fees, taxes and penalties owed to this state, as reflected in the records of the Secretary of State, have been paid and that the corporation is in existence or has authority to transact business in Mississippi.

That insofar as the records of this office are concerned, the said Hope Enterprise Corporation is in good standing at this time.

Given under my hand and seal of office  
the 26th day of June, 2020

*Michael Watson*

Certificate Number: CN20086595

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