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## ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR FirstOOF LLC

(A Florida Limited Liability Company)

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Florida, pursuant to the Florida Revised Limited Liability Company Act (the "Act"), hereby adopts the following Articles of Organization:

## ARTICLE 1

The name of the Limited Liability Company is FirstQOF LLC (the "Company").

#### ARTICLE 2 DURATION

The Company shall exist on the date of filing of these Articles with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The duration of the Company shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE 3 NATURE OF BUSINESS

The purpose of the Company shall be to qualify as a "qualified opportunity fund" by investing in "qualified opportunity zone property," as described in Section 1400Z-2(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Descriptive of such purpose, the Company shall invest in and own membership interests in each of North American Trucking Company, LLC, North American Vinegar Company, LLC, and North American Metallurgic, LLC. The Company's membership interests in North American Trucking Company, LLC, North American Vinegar Company, LLC, and North American Metallurgic, LLC are expected to constitute "qualified opportunity zone property" under Section 1400Z-2(d) of the Code.

The "qualified opportunity zone business" to be conducted by North American Trucking Company, LLC is expected to involve the use of real estate located in Jacksonville, Florida, in such a way that North American Trucking Company, LLC qualifies as a "qualified opportunity zone business" under Section 1400Z-2(d) of the Code.

The "qualified opportunity zone business" to be conducted by North American Vinegar Company, LLC is expected to involve the use of real estate located in Batesville, Mississippi, in such a way that North American Vinegar Company, LLC qualifies as a "qualified opportunity zone business" under Section 1400Z-2(d) of the Code.

The "qualified opportunity zone business" to be conducted by North American Metallurgic, LLC is expected to involve the use of real estate located in Central City, Kentucky, in such a way that North American Metallurgic, LLC qualifies as a "qualified opportunity zone

business" under Section 1400Z-2(d) of the Code.

The Company shall have the power and authority to conduct any and all activities related or incidental to the purpose of qualifying as a "qualified opportunity fund" described in Section 1400Z-2(d) of the Code. Such activities may include and directly or indirectly, through the Company or one or more subsidiaries, to: identify, source, acquire, originate, maintain, own, manage, finance, refinance, sell, hold, reposition, pledge, hypothecate, hedge, exchange, and otherwise deal in and with "qualified opportunity zone property" or even non-"qualified opportunity zone property," so long as such activity is consistent with the Company's sole purpose of qualifying as a "qualified opportunity fund" Section 1400Z-2(d) of the Code.

## ARTICLE 4 ADDRESS

The initial principal office address and the initial mailing address of the Company is 417 Triple Crown Lane, Saint Johns, FL 32259.

## ARTICLE 5 INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of the Company is 417 Triple Crown Lane, Saint Johns, FL 32259, and the name of the initial registered agent of the Company at that address is Kevin Merritt.

#### ARTICLE 6 MANAGEMENT

The Company will be manager-managed in accordance with its operating agreement.

#### ARTICLE 7 EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date is the date of filing of Department of State.	of these Articles of Organize	ition with t	he <b>B</b> lorida
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the unders	igned has executed these Ar	ticles this	Sthiday of
February 2023.	/s/ Adi Rappoport	::., :. :	FHI2: 35
	ADI RAPPOPORT, Authorized Representat	ive	<del></del>

(In accordance with section 605.0203 (1) (b), Florida Statutes, the execution of this document constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.)

#### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept the service of process for the abovestated limited liability company at the place designated in these Articles, Kevin Merritt hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. Kevin Merritt further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of his duties, and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of its position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 605, F.S.

/s/ Kevin Merritt

By:

Kevin Merritt

Dated: February 8, 2023