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A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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UNDERSIGNED, sole incorporator the THE acting of as ENCOURAGEMENT MINISTRIES, INC. under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I Name of Corporation

The name of the Corporation shall be the ENCOURAGEMENT MINISTRIES,

INC...

ARTICLE II **Duration of Corporation**

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

Stock

The Corporation is to have no capital stock.

ARTICLE IV Not-For Profit Status

The Corporation is not organized for any pecuniary profit and shall have no power to make or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall benefit any of the members of the Corporation. No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits form the undertaking of this Corporation. Upon dissolution of this Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to any charitable organization which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the Federal Government, or to a State or Local Government, or for a public purpose, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, or officer of this Corporation.

ARTICLE V Principal Office

The address of the Principal Office of the corporation is 1815 Harcourt Drive, Leesburg, Florida 34748. The location of the Principal Office shall be subject to change as may be provided in By-Laws duly adopted by the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI Mailing Address

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The mailing address of the corporation is 1815 Harcourt Drive, Leesburg, Florida 34748, Florida, 34711.

ARTICLE VII Initial Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial Registered Office of the corporation is 13543 East Highway 50, Clermont, Florida, 34711, and the initial Registered Agent at such address is Edward P. Jordan II, Esq.

ARTICLE VIII Initial Board of Directors

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three. The number of directors shall be reconsidered at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors and thereafter may be increased or decreased from time to time, but in no event shall the number of Directors be less than three (3) or more than seven (7) after the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be determined and set out in the bylaws. The persons who are to serve as the initial Directors until such successor Directors are elected or shall qualify are:

- 1. John A. Wood
- 2. Sherri Moore
- 3. Barbara Schwind

ARTICLE IX <u>Purpose of Corporation</u>

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed to preach the living gospel of Jesus Christ; to care for indigent persons; provide health care services and health care educational materials and educate the public as to the health care needs; conduct religious services; ordain ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ; to take health care services to persons for whom it is difficult to access traditional health care systems; to promote the increased physical, spiritual, emotional and financial well-being of poor and those for whom it is difficult to access traditional health care; provide preventive public health services and educational processes; for any other charitable purpose to the poor, needy, widowed, handicapped or oppressed persons and thereby easing the governmental burdens as it seeks to understand public interests; promoting the social welfare of the community by providing health care resources and educational material for advancement of the needs of indigent persons; promoting education; and researching health care related subjects that affect the community and make said research findings public, and for such other lawful purposes as may be deemed appropriate to further the aforementioned purposes. The Corporation, however, shall not be empowered to conduct any other activities, other than as an insubstantial part of its activities, which are not in furtherance of one or more of the abovereferenced purposes. It being expressly stated that the Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, education and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No substantial part 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, in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax code section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions which are deductible under 170(C) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any federal tax code.

ARTICLE X

Membership

The basis upon which membership is determined shall be more fully set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI

<u>Bylaws</u>

The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to adopt such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations as they may deem necessary for the proper operation of the Corporation in order that it performs those functions and things for which it is organized. That all such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations shall not be in violation of the laws of the State of Florida, or the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

ARTICLE XII Name and Address of Sole Incorporator

The name and address of the sole incorporator is Edward P. Jordan II, 13543 East Highway 50, Clermont, Florida, 34711.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles have been signed by the undersigned incorporator this 2^{μ} day of January, 2000.

Edward P. Jordan II

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LAKE

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Edward P. Jordan II, personally known by me, and who, after being duly sworn, acknowledged before me that he executed the foregoing freely and voluntarily for the purposes expressed herein and all statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the state and county above stated this $\cancel{12}$ day of January, 2000.

Signature: Type Name:

Title: Notary Public My Commission Expires:



ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

THE UNDERSIGNED, an individual resident of the State of Florida, having been named in Article V of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as initial Registered Agent at the office designated therein, hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to act in such capacity. The undersigned hereby states that he is familiar with, and hereby accepts, the obligations set forth in Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes, and the undersigned will further comply with any other provisions of law made applicable to him as Registered Agent of the corporation.

DATED, this $2\pi^{\mu}$ day of January, 2000.

REGISTERED AGENT:

WARD P. JORDAN II

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