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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, INC.

#### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

We, being natural persons of the age of 21 years or more and the members of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Clearwater, State of Florida, an unincorporated association, being duly authorized and empowered by a resolution passed and adopted by the Baha'i community of Clearwater, State of Florida, on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999, for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

**ONE:** The name of the corporation is SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS OF

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, INC.

TWO: The name and address of the initial registered agent and registered office are:

Registered Agent: Diane Barnes, 1812 Sunset Point Road, #A, Clearwater, Florida, 33765

Registered Office: c/o Diane Barnes, 1812 Sunset Point Road, #A, Clearwater, Florida, 33765

Acceptance By Registered Agent: I, being appointed the registered agent of the above named corporation, am familiar with and accept the obligations of Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes.

Signed: Diane Barnes, Registered Agent

**THREE:** The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

#### NAMES OF DIRECTORS

#### **ADDRESS**

1520 Gulf Boulevard, # 1101, Clearwater, Florida, 33767	
1520 Gulf Boulevard, # 1101, Clearwater, Florida, 33767	
1812 Sunset Point Road, # A, Clearwater, Florida 33765	
2067 San Marino Way North, Clearwater, Florida, 33763	
1295 Santa Rosa Drive, #4, Clearwater Florida, 33765	
1315 Amble Lane, #5, Clearwater, Florida, 33755	
ane Barnes, 1812 Sunset Point Road, # A, Clearwater, Florida 33765	
501 Mandalay Avenue, # F27, Clearwater, Florida 33767	
2100 Imperial Gardens, Nursery Road, #D3, Clearwater, Florida 33764	

**FOUR:** The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

FIRST: The corporation is organized exclusively for religious and charitable purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

SECOND: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, trustees, incorporators or any other private persons, except that the corporation shall be allowed to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article FIRST hereof. 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, nor intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of 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 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

THIRD: The corporation is organized for the establishment and maintenance of religious worship and spiritual activities in Clearwater, Florida, in accordance with the principles of the Baha'I Faith as set forth by Baha'u'llah, its founder; Abdu'l-baha, its Interpreter and Exemplar; Shoghi Effendi, its Guardian; the Universal House of Justice, its Supreme Legislative Body; and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, the duly constituted administrative authority in and for the continental United States of America; and further for the doing of any and all things necessary and incident to the performance of the purposes above set forth insofar as the same are permissible under the statute governing this corporation.

**FIVE:** The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

SIX: The principal office of this corporation is % Diane Barnes, 1812 Sunset Point Road, #A, Clearwater, Florida 33765

SEVEN: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended from time to time in the manner provided by law.

**EIGHT:** The method of electing directors shall be as provided in the by-laws.

NINE: Membership is limited to members of the Baha'i Faith in good standing who reside in Clearwater, Florida.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, liquidation or abandonment of its property, assets remaining after the payment of, or provision for the payment of, all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States if then in existence and exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), otherwise to an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have duly signed these Articles of Incorporation this 15th day of November, 1999.

Susan Mike, Incorporator

Robert Halligan, Incorporator

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS } SS.

On this 15th day of November, 1999, before me, a notary public in and for the State of Florida at large, personally appeared John Mike, Susan Mike, Jason Barnes, Sandy Schwagler, Sean Johnson, Malek Yazdani, Diane Barnes, Robert Halligan and Effat Rohani, each identified by Florida Driver's License, who executed the forgoing Articles of Incorporation and whose names are subscribed thereto, and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

TRACI L. CZYZNIK MY COMMISSION # CC 570413 EXPIRES: July 18, 2000

Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters