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SUBJECT: GRANT THIGPEN MINISTRIES, INC.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Kathie Powell
Name (Printed or typed)

7675 Davis Boulevard
Address

Naples, FL 34104
City, State & Zip

941-348-0122 (Monday - Thursday)
Daytime Telephone number

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

June 13, 2000

KATHIE POWELL
7675 DAVIS BOULEVARD
NAPLES, FL 34104

SUBJECT: GRANT THIGPEN MINISTRIES, INC.
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We have received your document for GRANT THIGPEN MINISTRIES, INC..
However, the document has not been filed and is being returned for the following:

Bylaws are not filed with this office. Please retain them for your records.

The document must have original signatures.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of
this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call
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Claretha Golden
Document Specialist

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**CERTIFICATE OF
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GRANT THIGPEN MINISTRIES, INC.**

We, the undersigned, being desirous of forming a non-profit corporation for religious and charitable purposes, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby agree to the following:

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is **GRANT THIGPEN MINISTRIES, INC.** The principal place of business and mailing address is 7675 Davis Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34104, Collier County, Florida.

ARTICLE II

A. This Corporation is formed for the following purposes:

1. To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
2. To conduct and carry on religious services and introduction through the public media, including electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmissions, and cable television.
3. To acquire, own and operate such broadcasting and/or telecasting facilities.
4. To pray for the needs of all people, for local and national leaders, for governments, and for all who are in authority, as instructed in I Timothy 2:1-3.

5. To recognize, support and cooperate with the various ministries established by God to equip believers to fulfill their respective functions as members of the body of Christ; and to bring the whole body of Christ to unity, maturity and completion.

6. To provide and maintain homes, places and buildings to house students, lecturers, teachers, ministers and other workers, as well as other related members of the corporation; and to furnish to such persons suitable meals and lodging.

7. To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.

8. To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credit.

9. To acquire, either by deed, gift or purchase, any real estate or personal property, to be held in trust for the benefit of the corporation and its stated purposes.

10. To mortgage, sell or otherwise encumber any such property when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the corporation as defined in its stated purposes as a Christian organization.

11. To issue annuities and to enter into gift-annuity contracts.

12. To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.

B. The corporation may do all and everything necessary and proper for its purposes as a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific and educational purposes purposed pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not-for-Profit Act set forth in Florida Statutes, Chapter 617.

C. 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of the Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(3)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE III

This corporation shall have all the powers set forth in Section 617.021, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IV

This article shall be a certificate designating a registered agent and a registered office.

The name and address of this corporation's registered office and registered agent, in compliance with Section 607.324, Florida Statutes, are:

Registered Agent: Grant Thigpen

Registered Office: 7675 Davis Boulevard
Naples, Florida 34104

or such other place as the Board of Directors may designate.

I hereby agree to act in the capacity as said registered agent and agree to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091, Florida Statutes. Having been named to accept service or process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

By: Grant Thigpen
Grant Thigpen

ARTICLE V

The powers of this corporations shall be exercised, its properties controlled and its affairs conducted by, the Board of Directors. The number of the Directors shall not be less than three (3), but the number may be greater. The number of Directors that are to be elected for the ensuing year shall be decided by the Board prior to the annual election of Directors. The number of Directors may also be increased by the Board after the annual election upon a majority vote of the Directors. Any vacancy which occurs on the Board, whether by death or resignation of a director, or by creation of additional director positions, shall be filled for the balance of the Board's term, by a majority of the remaining Board.

The following named persons shall be the members of the Board of Directors and shall serve until the next annual meeting to elect Directors:

Grant Thigpen, 7675 Davis Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34104, President and Director
Susan Thigpen, 4191 Third Avenue, S.W., Naples, Florida 34119, Vice-President and Director
Kathie Powell, 2644 River Reach Drive, Naples, Florida 34104, Secretary/Treasurer and Director

Future Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of those who are empowered by these Articles to elect such Directors. The Directors shall be elected by the then-serving Board members and such additional general membership members (Trustees) as the Board shall have specifically appointed as Trustees. The Board shall have the right to appoint Trustees or not to appoint Trustees, and to terminate any and all of the Trustees at any time. Directors shall serve a one (1) year term or until the annual meeting to elect Directors. Directors may be re-elected for any number of terms.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as

if taken by unanimous vote in a regular meeting of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation authorized the Directors so to act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as the By-Laws of this corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. Assistant to the Treasurer and to the Secretary may be appointed or be hired as employees from within or without the corporate membership by resolution of the Board at its discretion.

Elected officers shall hold office one (1) year, unless vacated for cause, and they may be re-elected. Election of officers shall be made annually by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held on or within thirty (30) days after the annual meeting at which the Directors are elected.

ARTICLE VI

The officers of the Corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as are provided in the Corporation's By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII

The names and addresses of each subscriber are the same persons as set forth in Article V.

ARTICLE VIII

The original By-Laws of this Corporation shall be made, prepared and adopted by the Board of

Directors. Thereafter, the By-Laws may be added to, rescinded or amended by the Board of Directors at a regular or at any special meeting where such action is one of the purposes for which said meeting is called, by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE IX


These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present.

Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the By-Laws, of intention to submit such amendments.

ARTICLE X

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribing directors and officers of the Board of Directors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 30 day of May, 2000.


GRANT THIGPEN, Director and President
7675 Davis Boulevard
Naples, Florida 34104

Susan Thigpen

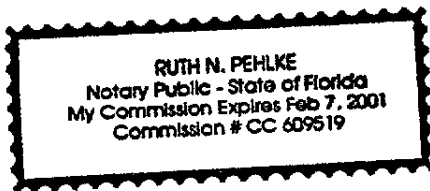
SUSAN THIGPEN, Director
4191 Third Avenue, S.W.
Naples, Florida 34119

Kathie Powell

KATHIE POWELL, Director
2644 River Reach Drive
Naples, Florida 34104

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLLIER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 30 day of May, 2000, by Grant Thigpen, who is ☒ personally known to me, or ☐ has produced _____ as identification (check one).

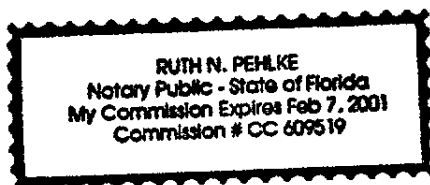


Ruth N. Pehlke
Notary Public

Ruth N. Pehlke
Print Name of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLLIER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 30 day of May, 2000, by Susan Thigpen, who is ☒ personally known to me, or ☐ has produced _____ as identification (check one).



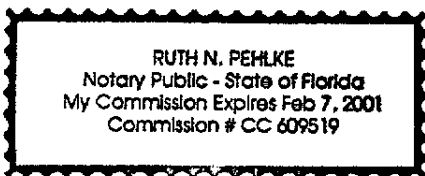
Ruth N. Pehlke
Notary Public

Ruth N. Pehlke
Print Name of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLLIER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 30 day of May, 2000, by Kathie Powell, who is ☒ personally known to me, or ☐ has produced _____ as identification (check one).

Ruth N. Pehlke
Notary Public



Ruth N. Pehlke
Print Name of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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GRANT THIGPEN MINISTRIES, INC.

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1. **REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT.** The address of the registered office of the corporation is 7675 Davis Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34104, and the name of the registered agent at such address (7675 Davis Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34104) is Grant Thigpen. This is also the principal office of the Corporation.

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.



Grant Thigpen, Registered Agent