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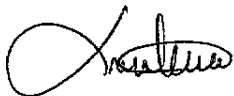
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the Articles of Incorporation of Sri Ayyappa Society of Tampa, Inc. for Registration with the State of Florida. A check for \$ 78.75 towards the necessary fee is also enclosed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at Tel. (813) 920 8471 incase you have any questions or clarifications.

Thank you for your prompt action.

Sincerely



Ravi Nair
Registered Agent

W-26016

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

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SUBJECT: SRI AYYAPPA SOCIETY OF TAMPA, INC.
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We have received your document for SRI AYYAPPA SOCIETY OF TAMPA, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

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 (850) 487-6929.

Joey Bryan
Document Specialist

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ATTN. JOEY BRYAN:

I CALLED AND POINTED OUT TO
BOBBY AT YOUR OFFICE THAT THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT MENTION
THE PROCEDURES IN WHICH DIRECTORS
ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED. PLEASE
REFER.

Ravi Nair

Articles of Incorporation
Of
SRI AYYAPPA SOCIETY OF TAMPA, INC.
(A not for profit Corporation)

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WHEREAS according to Hindu mythology, Lord Ayyappa is the manifestation of the combined energy source of Lord Vishnu and Lord Siva, which became necessary to destroy an evil:

WHEREAS it is believed that Lord Ayyappa sits atop the hill of Sabarimala, in Kerala State, India, protecting the forests from demons and wild malevolent spirits:

WHEREAS Lord Ayyappa is worshiped by millions of people around the world, make perilous pilgrimage across the forest and over the hills to Sabarimala to take refuge in the grace of this brave and magnanimous Deus:

NOW THEREFORE, we the undersigned devotees of Lord Ayyappa, all being persons of full age, for the purpose of incorporating an unincorporated religious and charitable organization, hereby certify as follows:

FIRST: A meeting of the Sri Ayyappa Society of Tampa , an unincorporated religious organization was duly called and held at 15207 Norfleet Lane, Tampa, Florida on October 1, 2000. At which meeting a majority of the duly qualified voters of the said Organization, being at least Six in number were present.

SECOND: At the said meeting, it was fully decided that said organization should become incorporated as an exempt organization under Section 503 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended and this corporation shall have perpetual existence.

THIRD: The name of the proposed corporation as decided in the meeting, is to be Sri Ayyappa Society of Tampa, Inc. (hereinafter referred as the Corporation). The principle Office of the Corporation is at 17240 Equestrian Trail, Odessa, Florida 33556.

FOURTH: The Corporation shall be empowered to:

- a) Conduct and carry on religious services and divine worships (Poojas) or other religious observations:
- b) Maintain a regular place of worship, spread the message of Sri Ayyappa among all interested devotees irrespective of sex, religion, or national origin:
- c) Establish and maintain schools to teach and study Hindu religion in general and the teachings of Sri Ayyappa in particular:
- d) Solicit and raise funds by any and all proper and appropriate means under and subject to the Laws of State of Florida, and receive such funds or money accruing from offerings,

collections, or any other contribution of funds, money or other personal properties for the support of the corporation.

FIFTH: Subject to the limitations contained in Paragraph Fourth, the Corporation shall also empowered to take and hold any grant, donations, gifts, or devise of real property and to have power to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire real estate and to hold, own, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, subject to the Religious Corporation Laws and the General Corporation Laws of the State of Florida, and to build, construct, maintain, alter, and manage building or buildings, or Temple edifice, provided, however, that the Corporation shall exercise all powers contain in this paragraph, only subject to the bylaws of the Corporation and the Religious and General corporation Laws of the State of Florida.

SIXTH: The Founding Members shall serve as the permanent Trustees of the Corporation. The names and the addresses of the Founding Members of the Corporation are as follows:

Ayyappan Pillai, 15207 Norfleet Lane, Tampa, Florida 33647

Radhakrishnan, 12151 Jeffery Lane, Dade City, Florida 33525

Ravi Nair, 17240 Equestrian Trail, Odessa, Florida 33556

Padma Pillai, 12702 N. 53rd Street, Tampa, Florida 33617

Vinod Vijayan, 1500 Sunset Road C-9, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

SEVENTH: The first annual election of the Governing Council shall be held on or before December 31, 2002 and every two years thereafter, which shall be held

on or before December 31. The qualification of the members and the manner of election of the Governing Council and powers of the Founding Members shall be specified in the Bylaws.

EIGHTH: The Governing Council shall consist of a maximum of Twelve members. The persons elected as initial Governing Council Members are as follows:

Ramachandra Menon, 7592 21st Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

B. Karunakaran Nair, 203 George Road, Port Charlotte, Florida 33952

Saraswathi Menon, 135 Connie Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33613

Ravindra Nathan, 11159 Cindy Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34601

Sai Neppalli, 7715 Isabella Drive Apt. F-21, Port Richey, Florida 34668

Ram Swaminathan, 19101 Wind Dancer Street, Lutz, Florida 33549

Nirmal Menon, 19719 Morden Blush Drive, Lutz, Florida 33549

Dev Narayan, 8 Ocean Drive, Punda Gorda, Florida 33950,

T. K. Satya, 3566 San Remo Terrace, Sarasota, Florida 34239

Girish Bhaskar, Route 13, box 416, Lake City, Florida 33055

NINTH: In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, it's assets shall be distributed to any tax exempt non profit organizations as the members of the corporation determine and subsequent to the approval of the Justice of the Supreme Court Of the State of Florida, but in no event, shall any of its assets be distributed to any member or officer of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed and acknowledge this Articles of

Incorporation this ____ day of October, 2000

C. V. Radhakrishnan
C. V. Radhakrishnan

Ayyappan Pillai
Ayyappan Pillai

Vinod Vijayan
Vinod Vijayan

Ravi Nair
Ravi Nair

Padma Pillai
Padma Pillai

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

THE FORGOING instrument was acknowledged and sworn to before me this

24 day of OCTOBER, 2000 by

Ayyappan Pillai
Ayyappan Pillai
Of the Sri Ayyappa Society of Tampa, Inc.

Sara J. Blaze
Notary Public

My Commission Expires



STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT, ARTICLES OF INC SRI AYYAPPA SOCIETY OF TAMPA, INC
(DESCRIPTION OF INSTRUMENT)
WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS 24 DAY OF OCT, 2000
BY AYYAPPAN PILLAI, TRUSTEE SIGNATURE ONLY
(NAME OF PERSON ACKNOWLEDGED)
☐ WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME, OR
☒ WHO HAS PRODUCED Florida # 1541750 AS IDENTIFICATION N
(TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION)
WHO ☐ DID ☐ DID NOT TAKE OATH
(SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT)
(NAME OF ACKNOWLEDGER TYPED, PRINTED OR STAMPED)
(TITLE OR RANK)
(SERIAL NUMBER, IF ANY)

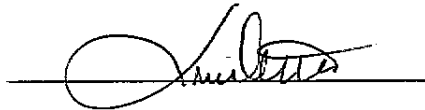
CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT / REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.325, Florida Statutes, the Undersigned Corporation, organized under the laws of State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the Corporation is Sri Ayyappa Society of Tampa, Inc.
2. The name and address of the Registered Agent and Office is:

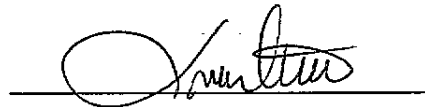
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17240 Equestrian Trail
Odessa, Florida 33556

October 23rd, 2000



HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND ABLIGATIONS AS PER SECTION 607.325 OF FLORIDA STATUTES.

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