Department of State Division of Corporation P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Sister Witness International, Inc.



Enclosed are an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation, a designation of registered agent, and a check for \$70.00. Please return one copy of the Articles stamped with the filing date.

FROM: Laura Prescott

275 North Shade Ave #102

Sarasota, FL 34237





<u>ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION</u> <u>OF</u> SISTER WITNESS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

The undersigned, being eighteen years of age or over, and desiring to form a corporation pursuant to the provisions of CHAPTER 617, F.S., (Not for Profit), hereby certifies:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Sister Witness International, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 275 North Shade Avenue, #102, Sarasota, Florida 43237.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is address the issues of force, coercion, violence and discrimination against women and girls with psychiatric diagnoses who are currently or formerly institutionalized in facilities and in communities around the world. The corporation is also organized to celebrate the lives and memorialize the deaths of women and girls with psychiatric diagnoses who are currently or formerly institutionalized. Sister Witness International, Inc., engages in gender-specific, culturally relevant research and educational projects reflecting the female specific concerns of those institutionalized and provides policy consultation and technical assistance on these topics to mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice and other national and international organizations. Sister Witness International, Inc. engages in a variety of activities to document the history of institutionalized women and girls, create memorials to those that have died, and provides forums for promoting global sustainable networks among individuals concerned with systems change. The corporation is organized to increase public awareness and support new and existing cross-disability leadership in the interest of generating a non-violent future in which formerly institutionalized women and girls with psychiatric diagnoses are free to claim their status as full citizens in societies throughout the world

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The initial directors shall be appointed by the incorporator. Additional and future directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

Name:

Ellen Bassuk

Name: Darby Penney

Title:

Address: Better Homes Fund

Title:

181 Wells Ave.

Address: New York State Office of Mental Health

Newton Center, MA 02159

44 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12229

Name:

Andy Blanch

Name:

Laura Prescott

Title:

Secretary

Title:

President and Treasurer

Address: 205 Garden Lane

Address:

275 North Shade Ave., #102

Sarasota, FL 34242

Sarasota, FL 34237

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is Laura Prescott, 275 N. Shade Ave., #102, Sarasota, FL 34237.

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is Laura Prescott, 275 North Shade Avenue, #102, Sarasota, Florida 34237.

Having been named as a registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to Florida law, the Undersigned Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida submits the following statements in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation/professional association is Sister Witness International, Inc.
- The name and address of the registered agent and office is: Laura Prescott
 North Shade Ave #102
 Sarasota, FL 34237

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE-STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.