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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, 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: Charlotte Cover  
Name (Printed or typed)

5666 Seminole Blvd., Ste. 2  
Address

Seminole, FL 33772  
City, State & Zip

727-399-8300  
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
**OF PUTNAM COUNTY, INC.**

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In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit):

Article 1 -- Name

The name of the corporation is SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, INC.

Article 2 -- Type of Corporation

This corporation is a Not For Profit Corporation.

Article 3 -- Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

Article 4 --Registered Agent

The name and street address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office in Florida is

Thomas E. Strickland  
123 Mellon Road  
Palatka, FL 32177

Article 5 -- Incorporators

The name and address of each incorporator is:

Thomas E. Strickland  
123 Mellon Road  
Palatka, FL 32177

Aldon C. Adams  
255 Silver Lake Drive  
Palatka, FL 32177

Cupa F. Barnes  
205 Old Peniel Road  
Palatka, FL 32177

Nancy J. Suter  
101 Paran Drive  
Grandin, FL 32138

LouAnn MacClellan  
501 County Road 310  
Palatka, FL 32177

Article 6 -- Principal Office

The corporation's principal office and/or mailing address is:

**Physical Address**

2310 Reid Street  
Palatka, FL 32177

**Mailing Address**

P. O. Box 1355  
Palatka, FL 32178-1355

Article 7 -- Membership

The corporation shall have members who shall be admitted as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

Article 8 -- Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an organization or organizations exempt from Federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Article 9 -- Purpose

The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes, to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through southern gospel music in concert, to promote, encourage, foster, and cultivate the preservation, appreciation, understanding, enjoyment, support, and performance of southern gospel music, and such other religious, charitable, or educational institutions as may be appropriate in accordance with said tax exempt purposes, and any other lawful purpose or purposes not for profit and not specifically prohibited to corporations under other laws of the State of Florida.

Article 10 -- No Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of purposes set forth in Article 9 hereof.

Article 11 -- Limitation on Political Activities

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article 12 -- Racial Nondiscrimination Policy

The corporation shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and therefore shall not discriminate against any trustee, employee, student, or other individual on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin. The corporation shall support or operate only schools that admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school and shall be racially nondiscriminatory in the administration of all of its policies and programs.

Article 13 -- Limitation on Corporate Activities

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article 14 -- Effective Date of Corporation

The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Florida.

Article 15 -- Directors

The directors shall be selected in accord with the bylaws of the corporation and shall not be less than three in number. The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

Thomas E. Strickland  
123 Mellon Road  
Palatka, FL 32177

Alden C. Adams  
255 Silver Lake Drive  
Palatka, FL 32177

Cupa F. Barns  
205 Old Peniel Road  
Palatka, FL 32177

Nancy J. Suter  
101 Paran Drive  
Grandin, FL 32138

LouAnn MacClellan  
501 County Road 310  
Palatka, FL 32177

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation.

9/10/02  
Date

Thomas E. Strickland  
Thomas E. Strickland, Incorporator

9/11/02  
Date

Alden C. Adams  
Alden C. Adams, Incorporator

9/10/02  
Date

Cupa F. Barns  
Cupa F. Barns, Incorporator

9/11/02  
Date

Nancy J. Suter  
Nancy J. Suter, Incorporator

8-30-02  
Date

LouAnn MacClellan  
LouAnn MacClellan, Incorporator

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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

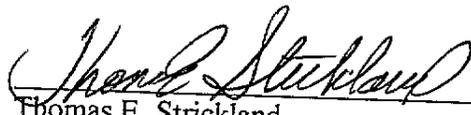
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered agent/registered office, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: **SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION  
OF PUTNAM COUNTY, INC.**

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Thomas E. Strickland  
123 Mellon Road  
Palatka, FL 32177

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS 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.

  
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Thomas E. Strickland

9/10/02  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date