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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

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The name of the Corporation is: The Family Oriented Community United, Strong Faith-Based Community Development Corporation, Incorporated.

#### ARTICLE II, PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal office of the corporation is 1605 Tallevast Road, Tallevast Florida, and the mailing address of the corporation is Post Office Box 338, Tallevast, Florida 34270.

#### ARTICLE III. DURATION

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES AND POWERS

A. This Corporation is a not-for-profit Corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statues. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes for which this Corporation is organized are: (i) to operate exclusively for charitable, public safety and educational purposes; (ii) to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on non-profit corporations; (iii) to increase the availability of decent housing that is affordable to low- and moderate income residents of South Manatee County and the Tallevast communities; (iv) to increase the employment opportunities for the low income residents of South Manatee County and the Tallevast communities; (v) to facilitate the availability of businesses and services to residents located within the communities of South Manatee County and Tallevast; (vi) to provide the necessary community services to South Manatee County and the Tallevast communities low income residents in situations in which these services are not available

from government or other services.

- B. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively charitable within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on (i) by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations issued pursuant thereto, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or (ii) by an organization, contribution to which are not deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- D. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director of the Corporation or to any member of the Corporation or to any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no Director of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.
- E. 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, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- F. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to the Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church located in Tallevast, Florida.

## **ARTICLE V. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

The terms, conditions and qualification with respect to the membership (if any) of this Corporation shall be as provided for by the By-laws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI, INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The address of this Corporation's current registered office is 7616 16th Street East,
Tallevast, Florida. The mailing address is P. O. Box 338, Tallevast, Florida 34270.

The name of the individual who is currently serving as this Corporation's registered agent at that address is Marvin L. Washington.

#### ARTICLE VII, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The number of the initial Board of Directors for the Corporation shall be as provided for in the Corporation's By-laws. It is further provided that the number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, as provided in the Corporation's By-laws, but shall never be less than three (3) nor more than eleven (11). Such Directors are to be elected or appointed in the manner provided for by the Corporation's By-laws.

## ARTICLE VIII, INDEMNIFICATION

All officers and directors shall be indemnified by the corporation to the fullest extent permitted by law against all expenses and liabilities including attorney's fees reasonably incurred in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action site or proceedings or settlement thereof in which they may become involved as a part or otherwise by reason of holding such

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that, as set forth in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, he is presently serving as Registered Agent of The Family Oriented Community United, Strong Faith-Based Community Development Corporation, Incorporated, Pursuant to Section 617.0501(3), Florida Statutes (1995), I hereby state that I am familiar with and will continue to perform the duties, obligations and responsibilities as Registered Agent for said corporation.

DATED this 31st day of March, 2003

Marvin L. Washington, Registered Agent

office. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all officers and directors against any liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as officers and directors or arising out of their status as such.

## ARTICLE IX, INCORPORATORS

The name and addresses of the incorporators of this Corporation are as follows:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 31st day of March, 2003..

Michael Darville, Incorporator

Post Office Box 22

Tallevast, Florida 34270

Lillie Fleming, Incorporator/

Post Office Box 1955

Tallevast, Florida 34270

Brenda Pinkney, Incorporator

Post Office Box 1194

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Morris Robinson, Incorporator

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Laura Ward, Incorporator

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