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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State
Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: Empowerment Village, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Reverend James T. Blount

Name (Printed or typed)

810 Wooden Boulevard

Address

Orlando, FL 32805

City, State & Zip

Daytime Telephone number

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State

February 3, 2005

JAMES T BLOUNT
810 WOODEN BLVD
ORLANDO, FL 32805

SUBJECT: VILLAGE EMPOWERMENT INC.
Ref. Number: W05000005825

We have received your document for VILLAGE EMPOWERMENT 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):

Please provide the zip code for the principal place of business.,

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Articles of Incorporation

**Of
Village Empowerment Inc.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of for purposes of forming a non-profit corporation in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, does hereby state the following:

1. **NAME/DURATION**-The name of the Corporation shall be: Village Empowerment Inc.
2. **PRINCIPLE OFFICE**. The place is Florida where the principle office of Corporation is to be located 302 Church St., Leesburg, Fl, 34748, lake County.
3. **PURPOSES**. The purposes for which the corporation is formed shall be:
 - a. to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the means of section 501(c) (3) of Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Law here after called the "Code".
 - b. To foster and promote community-wide interest and concern for the problems of disadvantaged and underprivileged individuals and families to the end that poverty, crime, sickness and environmental degradation may be lessened and educational and economic opportunities may be expanded.
 - c. To improve the economic, educational and social status of disadvantaged and underprivileged individuals, families and groups by creating and promoting opportunities for economic self-sufficiency and financial security.
 - d. To provide and otherwise facilitate the availability of safe, clean and affordable housing for families.
 - e. To lessen the burdens of federal, state and local governments through the various activities of the Corporation.
 - f. To conducting educational and other efforts to inform the general community about the Corporation and its purposes and programs, and to expand economic and educational opportunities of such individuals, families and groups.

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- g. To relate to all persons in their personal, social, economical , educational and religious needs.
- h. To cooperate with all community agencies governmental authorities and Churches in improving life in the communities served.
- i. To establish a Christian presence and demonstrate a Christian concern for all persons.
- j. To engage in any lawful act, activity or business not contrary to and , for which a charitable nonprofit corporation may be formed under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.
- k. To have and experience all powers, rights and privileges conferred by the laws of Florida on nonprofit corporations, including , but not limited to buying , leasing or otherwise acquiring and holding, using or otherwise enjoying and selling , leasing or otherwise disposing of any interest in and property , real or personal of whatever nature and wheresoever situated , and buying and selling stocks, bonds or any other security of and issuer as the Corporation by action of it's Board may , at any time and from time to time , deem advisable.

4. RESTRICTIONS .The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains , profits or dividends to the directors, officers, or members therefore (if any) , or to any individual except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and not income of the corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall be insure to the benefit of any individual. Not withstanding anything to contrary in these Articles of Incorporation.

- a. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be for carrying on propaganda, or otherwise provided in section 501(h) of the code.
- b. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statement)any political campaign on behalf of(or in opposition to)any candidate for public use.
- c. The Corporation may not engage in any activity which is not permitted to be engaged in by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Code or to which charitable contributions may be deducted pursuant to sections 170(c) (2) of the Code.

5. MEMBERS-The provisions for and qualifications of members if any shall be set forth in the by-laws.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS- The Corporation Shall be controlled and managed under the direction of a Board of Directors ("Board"). There shall be five Directors on the initial Board of Directors. The name and addresses of persons who will serve as initial Directors of the Corporation are:

Rev. James T. Blount
810 wooden Blvd
Orlando, Fl 32805

Mr. Ray snow
2026 Pruitt St
Leesburg, Fl 34748

Mr. Darryl E Connelly
2136 Woodland Blvd.
Leesburg, Fl 34748

Mrs. Bettye S. Coney
P.O Box 491058
Leesburg, Fl 34749-1058

Mrs. Dorothy Adside
115 E. Cleveland St.
Leesburg, Fl 34748

Mr. Ralph Coleman Sr
321 Bentbough Dr.
Leesburg, Fl 34748

7. INCORPORATOR. The name and address of the incorporator is Rev. James T. Blount, 810 Wooden Blvd, Orlando, fl 32805.

8. DISSOLUTION. Upon the dissolution of The Corporation, any assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to Saint Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church 302 Church St., Leesburg, Fl 34748 provide such organization is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c) (3) of the Code. If is not so exempt, then any assets remaining shall be distributed to one or more government units for a public purpose, as shall be selected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, provided however, than any such organization shall be exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c) (3) of the code and that any such government unit shall be described in section 170(b) (1) (a) (v) of the Code.

9. AMENDMENT. Any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation shall become a "private foundation" within the meaning of Section 509 of the Code, the Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, and shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

11. REGISTERED AGENT. The name of the registered agent of the Corporation is Rev. James T. Blount. The address of the registered agent is 810 Wooden Blvd, Orlando, Fl 32805.

EXECUTION

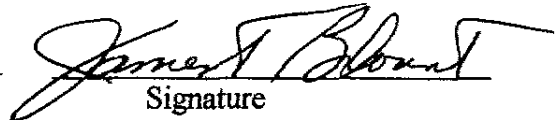
These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporation on this 3rd day of June, 2002


James T. Blount

REGISTERED AGENTS ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENTS

I, James T. Blount hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for the Village Empowerment Inc . Corporation , a Florida not -for-profit corporation . I am familiar with , and accept , the obligations of the position of registered agent, and agree to comply with the provisions of all statues relating to the proper performance of the duties.

James T Blount
Print Name


Signature

Date Jan. 24, 2005