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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
PO Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Mercy International Foundation, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$70.00. Thank you for your attention in this matter and please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,



Oscar E. Soto  
For the firm

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Enclosure

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
MERCY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.  
(a Florida Not for Profit Corporation)**

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**ARTICLE I.  
NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be "MERCY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC." (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE II.  
CORPORATE NATURE**

The corporation is a corporation not for profit organized pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE III.  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The street address of the initial principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is 3633 Bayshore Blvd., NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703.

**ARTICLE IV.  
PURPOSES**

A. The purposes of the Corporation are to receive and administer money and property for religious, charitable, scientific, education, and literary purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Code, including but not limited to making distributions to organizations that are exempt from federal income taxation under §501(a) of the Code as an organization described in §501(c)(3) of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation is organized and shall operate exclusively for such purposes.

References in these Articles to the "Code" are to Sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as now enacted, or to corresponding provisions of any future United States revenue law in force and effect during the continuance of the Corporation.

B. The Corporation hereby expresses its intent to be an organization exempt from federal income taxation under §501(a) of the Code as an organization described in §501(c)(3) of the Code, and to be an organization contributions to which are deductible under §§170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2), 2106(a)(2)(A)(ii) and 2522(a)(2) of the Code.

**ARTICLE V.**  
**MANAGEMENT**

All power and authority of the Corporation shall be vested in and exercised by its Board of Directors, which shall manage and direct the affairs of the Corporation in accordance with applicable law and as provided by the Bylaw of the Corporation. The number of Directors shall be provided as in the Bylaws of the Corporation, but the Board of Directors shall at all times consist of three (3) or more members. The method of electing members of the Board of Directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The voting and other rights of the members of the Board of Directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VI.**  
**INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>
<b>RICHARD F. HERMANNS</b>	3633 Bayshore Blvd., NE St. Petersburg, Florida 33703
<b>JANICE HILL</b>	2825 Mountainview Road Stafford, Virginia 22554
<b>NATHAN DUNK</b>	2407 Cheyenne Avenue Lawton, Oklahoma 73505

**ARTICLE VII.**  
**POWERS**

The Corporation shall have the power to (i) receive, acquire, own maintain and use its assets for the purposes for which it is organized, (ii) raise funds by any legal means for the encouragement of its purposes, (iii) acquire, hold, own, use and dispose of real or personal property in connection with the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and (v) exercise all powers granted to a corporation not for profit under Florida law. In addition to the foregoing powers, the Corporation shall have any additional powers specified in its Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VIII.**  
**LIMITATIONS**

A. No part of the net earnings, gains or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any Director or Officer of the Corporation, or to any other private persons, or to any organizations organized and operated for profit, except that the Corporation shall

be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.

B. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by the provisions of §501(h) of the Code, if §501(h) of the Code applies to the Corporation and the appropriate election is made by the Corporation). The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under §501(a) of the Code as an organization described in §501(c)(3) of the Code, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under §§170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2), 2106(a)(2)(A)(ii) and 2522(a)(2) of the Code.

D. The Corporation, if it is a "private foundation" as defined in §509(a) of the Code at any time, shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as to not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Code §4942(a), and shall not:

1. Engage in any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Code §4941(d), which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code §4941(a);
2. Acquire or retain any "excess business holding" as defined in Code §4943(c), which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code §4943(a);
3. Make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes within the meaning of Code §4944, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code §4944(a); or
4. Make any "taxable expenditures" as defined in Code §4945(d), which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code §4945(a).

The references in Paragraph to designated sections of the Code shall be deemed to include any corresponding provisions of Federal tax laws at any time and from time to time in force and effect during the continuance of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IX.**

##### **INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is RICHARD F. HERMANNNS, and the street address of the Corporation's initial registered agent is 3633 Bayshore Blvd., NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703.

**ARTICLE X.**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name of the sole incorporator of the Corporation is RICHARD F. HERMANNNS, and the address of such incorporator is 3633 Bayshore Blvd., NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703.

**ARTICLE XI.**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Corporation may solicit contributions from all possible sources including, but not limited to, individual, corporate and community sources.

**ARTICLE XII.**  
**DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution and winding up of the Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to such one or more organizations exempt from federal income taxation under §501(a) if the Code as an organization described in §501(c)(3) of the Code, as determined by the Board of Directors. If any assets of the Corporation are not disposed of pursuant to the foregoing sentence, such remaining assets shall be distributed to such one or more organizations exempt from federal income taxation under §501(a) of the Code as an organization described in §501(c)(3) of the Code, as determined by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located. The Board of Directors or the Circuit Court, as the case may be, shall use their best efforts to make such distributions to organizations which have purposed similar to the Corporation.

**ARTICLE XIII.**  
**NO MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall not have Members.

**ARTICLE XIV.**  
**DURATION**

The period of the duration of the Corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE XV.**  
**BYLAWS**

The Corporation's Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation. The Corporation's Bylaws may contain any provisions not inconsistent with law or these Articles of Incorporation. The Corporation's Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted as provided in the Corporation's Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XVI.  
AMENDMENT**

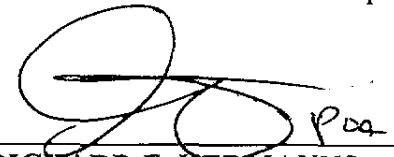
The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Directors duly elected or appointed as provided by the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws.

The undersigned executes these Articles of Incorporation of **MERCY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.**, this 21 day of Mar, 2006.

  
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**RICHARD F. HERMANNS**, Incorporator

**CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT  
OF  
MERCY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.**

The undersigned, Richard Hermanns, having been named as registered agent to accept service of process of **MERCY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.**, a Florida Not for Profit corporation, at the place designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of the undersigned's duties as registered agent, and the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position of registered agent.

  
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**RICHARD F. HERMANNS**  
Registered Agent