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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT:	PEMA	CHOLING	DHARMA	CENTER	INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)				IX)	

Enclosed is an original a	nd one(1) copy of the Art	icles 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
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### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATON AND CORPORATION

#### PEMA CHOLING DHARMA CENTER Inc.

2309 49th Street South Gulfport, Florida 33707 727-345-0024

Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws and in compliance with state law: Chapter 571, F.S., (Not for Profit) and Federal: Section 501 (c) (3) so hereby certify:

First: The name of the Corporation shall be Pema Choling Dharma Center Inc.

**Second:** The place in the state of Florida where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located in the City of Gulfport, County of Pinellas, is:

2309 49th Street South

The Longhouse

Gulfport, Florida 33707.

This address will serve as the mailing address and place of business.

**Third:** Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR PEMA CHOLING DHARMA CENTER CONTINUED:

#### **Article Three continued:**

The specific purpose of Pema Choling Dharma Center Inc. is for charitable religious activities and education, specifically Tibetan Buddhist activities, and community charitable outreach activities, included but not limited to:

Practice and teaching of Tibetan Buddhism of the Longchen Nyingthig Lineage of the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism. As an extension of these charitable religious activities in the community, the Center will provide the following public activities as part of our religious practice:

Classes in Meditation and Yoga

Assistance for Homeless Families with Minor Children

Assistance to Underprivileged Children

Religious Counseling and Mediation activities and classes.

Religious activities in Correctional Facilities

Religious activities for victims of H.I.V.

**Fourth:** The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

The initial nomination of the directors was made by ordained clergy of the Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism, specifically by the Venerable Lama Lhanang Rinpoche and Gregory Alan Powers, who's ordained name is Ngakpa Pema Norbu.

Members accepted the appointment as not for profit volunteers. After the initial terms of appointment are served, directors will be nominated and selected by majority vote of the membership of Pema Choling Dharma Center Inc.per the organization's bylaws.

**Fifth:** The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees and directors of the corporation are as follows:

Nancy A. Hall	President	234 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
George F. Bieren	Vice President	6837 31st Terrace-North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Dorothy Byrne	Treasurer	430 Bay St. N.E., #1201, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Jose G. Mares	Secretary	6020 Shore Blvd. South, #504, Gulfport FL 33707

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR PEMA CHOLING DHARMA CENTER CONTINUED:

**Sixth:** The initial registered agent shall be:

Nancy Ann Hall

Address: 234 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

**Seventh:** The name and address of the incorporator is:

George Franklin Bieren

Address:

6837 31<sup>st</sup> Terrace- North St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Eighth: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit or, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. 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 publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Ninth: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Specifically, by the Bylaws established by Pema Choling Dharma Center Inc., the first consideration would be to distribute assets to those Buddhist organizations of the Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism who have exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR PEMA CHOLING DHARMA CENTER CONTINUED:

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.

Nancy Ann Hall. Registered Age

George Franklin Bieren, Incorporator

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