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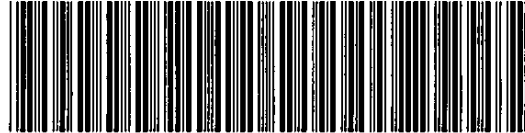
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August 21, 2006

CANDY J. SIMMONS  
1226 E. MOHAWK AVENUE  
TAMPA, FL 33604

SUBJECT: THE CYPRESS INITIATIVE, INC.  
Ref. Number: W06000036824

We have received your document for THE CYPRESS INITIATIVE, INC.. However, upon receipt of your document no check was enclosed. Please send a check or money order payable to the Department of State.

Your document will be retained in our pending file.

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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** The Cypress Initiative, 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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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Candy J. Simmons  
Name (Printed or typed)

1226 E. Mohawk Avenue  
Address

Tampa, FL 33604  
City, State & Zip

813-310-1134  
Daytime Telephone number

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

August 24, 2006

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

**Ref. Number: W06000036824**

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find copies of two letters from your office that I was told I need to send you. Our first choice for our corporation name was already taken, so we filed again under a different name. Although I did enclose a copy of my check, I failed to enclose a copy of the rejection letter you sent me.

I have included another copy of the original check.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candy Simmons". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Candy Simmons  
The Cypress Initiative, Inc.  
1226 E. Mohawk Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33604  
(813) 310-1134

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**The Cypress Initiative, Inc.**  
**A NONPROFIT FLORIDA CORPORATION**

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**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this corporation is THE CYPRESS INITIATIVE, INC., a Nonprofit Florida Corporation.

**ARTICLE II**

**INCORPORATORS**

The names and residences of the Incorporators are as follows:

A.G. "Chip" Chipman  
1118 Tuxford Drive  
Brandon, FL 33511

Jan Chipman  
1118 Tuxford Drive  
Brandon, FL 33511

The rights and interests of the Incorporators shall automatically terminate when these Articles are filed with the Secretary of State.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

More particularly, such purposes will be: to facilitate individual well-being and healthy, productive relationships through the introduction of the principles of Mind,

Consciousness, and Thought; to encourage, establish, maintain, and participate in collaborative partnerships among agencies and organizations; to conduct programs and activities; sponsor promotions, raise funds, request and receive grants, gifts, contributions, dues and bequests of money, real and personal property; or acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or personal. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **PUBLICLY SUPPORTED TAX-EXEMPT NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, 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 IV 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 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 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the corporation, turn over all residual assets of the Corporation to such organization(s) selected for such purpose which shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes as to qualify as an exempt organization under as described in Section

501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future law.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The affairs of the corporation are to be managed initially by a Board of Directors of three (3). Additional Directors may be added to the Board as set forth in the duly adopted By-Laws. New Directors shall be elected annually according to the By-Laws that may be in existence at the time.

2. The names of the individuals, each of whom are 18 years of age or older, to serve on the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

Ben Odom  
Christina Whidden

Kathy McGee  
Lisa Semeyn

3. The initial officers of the Corporation shall be the President, the Vice President, and the Secretary/Treasurer and such other officers and assistant officers as may be created from time to time by the Board of Directors. The officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE, MAILING ADDRESS AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The street and mailing address of the initial registered office is: 1226 E. Mohawk Ave., Tampa, FL 33604 and the initial registered agent at that address is: Candy Simmons.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The corporation may (but need not) have voting members, and such membership, if any, and classes thereof, shall be as defined in the corporation's By-Laws and as follows:

1. The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-Laws of the corporation.

2. The corporation shall provide for equal membership and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or natural origin.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### **MANAGEMENT**

The management and affairs of the corporation shall be at all times under the direction of a Board of Directors, whose operations in governing the corporation shall be defined by statute and by the corporation's By-Laws. No member or Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### **BY-LAWS**

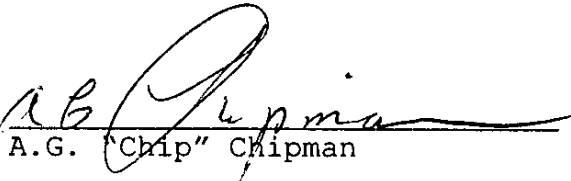
The Directors, by majority vote, are authorized to establish By-Laws for the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, and to amend same from time to time.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

##### **AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by a unanimous vote of the directors then in office.

The undersigned subscribers have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 21<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

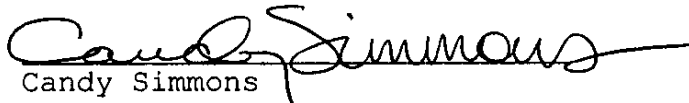
  
A.G. "Chip" Chipman

  
Jan Chipman



**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

  
Candy Simmons

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