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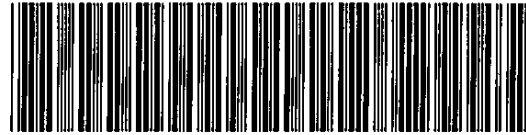
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
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SUBJECT: OPEN ARMS MINISTRY OF GULFPORT, 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:

Rev. Dennis E. Belos  
Name (Printed or typed)

2521-2ND AVE. N.  
Address

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 33713  
City, State & Zip

(727) 656-6209  
Daytime Telephone number

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

**Articles of Incorporation  
of  
Open Arms Ministry of Gulfport Inc.**

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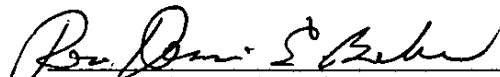
- Article One:** The name of the corporation shall be: Open Arms Ministry of Gulfport Inc., hereafter referred to as the "Corporation."
- Article Two:** The Corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. The Corporation is organized under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. The specific purpose of the Corporation is to initiate and support inner-city projects, including, but not limited to, health services, counseling services, legal aid, and community development.
- Article Three:** The Corporation shall have no members.
- Article Four:** The address and the principal office of the Corporation is 1000 55<sup>th</sup> St. N. Gulfport Florida 33707.
- Article Five:**
- a) The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purpose as outlined in Section 501 ( c )( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on ( 1 ) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 ( c )( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue Code or ( 2 ) by a corporation contributions to which are Deductible under Section 170 ( c )( 2 ) of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - c) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for political office.
- Article Six:** The Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than five (5) and not more than ten (10) directors. Each director shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age. The first Board of Directors shall consist of the persons named in these Articles, and they shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following.


Rev. Dennis E. Belus	2521 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. St. Petersburg Fl. 33713
Mark Venia	2521 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave N. St. Petersburg Fl. 33713
Jean Casto	5080 92 <sup>nd</sup> Lane N. S. Petersburg Fl. 33708
Rev. Kenneth Claxton	2601 49 <sup>th</sup> St. S. Gulfport Fl. 33707
Angela Lepore	5014 26 <sup>th</sup> Ave S. Gulfport Fl. 33707

Article Seven: The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or staff member thereof or to the benefits of any private person. Upon the dissolution or 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 a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation (which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue Code) as determined by the Board of Directors to be used exclusively for the stated purposed of the Corporation.

Article Eight: The name and address of the designated Agent for Services of Process shall be Rev. Dennis E. Belus: 2521 Second Avenue North St. Petersburg Florida 33713

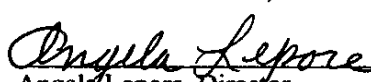
We, the undersigned initial Directors of Open Arms Ministry of Gulfport Inc., on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2006, hereby declare that we are the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which execution is our act and deed.

  
Rev. Dennis E. Belus, Director

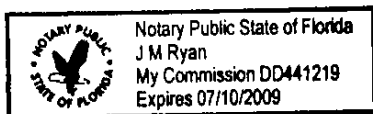
  
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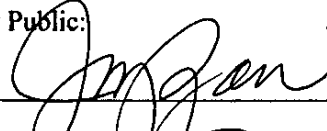
The forgoing instrument was sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006, by Rev. Dennis E. Belus, who personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and who is personally known to me or have produced a valid Driver's License as identification.



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