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### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

### A PROFIT CORPORATION NOTE: FILING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR DIVINE CONNECTIONS INCORPORATED COVER LETTER

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

#### SUBJECT: DIVINE CONNECTIONS INCORPORATED

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation (U)

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### **DIVINE CONNECTIONS INCORPORATED**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of incorporation:

### Article I: Name of the Corporation

The name of the corporation shall be DIVINE CONNECTIONS INCORPORATED

### **Article II: Principal Office**

The place of business and mailing address of DIVINE CONNECTIONS INCORPORATED Shall be: 17520 North West 27<sup>th</sup> Ct. Miami Gardens, Florida 333056

### Article III: Purpose

**DIVINE CONNECTIONS INCORPORATED**. is a multifaceted community outreach for women of all races, creed and cultures, providing an outlet that will take women back to repentance, prayer and restoration.

The purpose upon which Divine Connections Incorporated is founded, designed and developed is exclusively for charitable, educational, and religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C) (3) Of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended.

- 1. This Corporation is organized to teach women and children how to prepare their hearts to seek God through spiritual warfare and intercessory prayer.
- 2. Provide Empowerment classes that will speak to the hearts of women, revealing the face and the plan of God to them.
- 3. Provide retreats for times of refreshing and seeking God.
- 4. Provide Women Crusades promoting prayer, healing, salvation and issues concerning women and children.
- 5. Divine Connections Incorporated will establish a media ministry that will provide communications in the form of tracts, books, DVD's, CD's, Internet and wireless communications as well as audio and visual communications for the purpose of serving and spreading the word and the message of God.
- 6. Promote Investment Opportunities as well as Entrepreneurial Opportunities for women and children.
- 7. This corporation is organized to benefit the Christian and Secular community in and throughout the United States of America, with local and international offices that will advocate for the rights of women and children.
- 8. Divine Connections Incorporated shall further the provision of health, education, human services, and advocacy for welfare to work, welfare transition, and empowerment to youth, children, young adults, seniors and adults.
- 9. Divine Connections Incorporated will provide networking services with other community organizations that address the need to provide emotional, social,

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financial and supportive services to women and children of all races, ethnicities, and culture

- 10. Divine Connections Incorporated will provide ministries that assist in providing restoration to the unity of families, as well as ministering to single women, divorced women and single parent families.
- 11. Divine Connections Incorporated will seek to compete in the financial market arena for State, County and Federal funding opportunities.
- 12. Divine Connections Incorporated will seek Federal and Private Funding for support, intervention and counseling for women and children facing emotional and domestic abuse.
- 13. Divine Connections Incorporated will provide a safe haven for women and children facing evictions, and homelessness.

### Article IV Registered Agent and Registered Office

The name and address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office are:

Documents Center Inc.

4050 North West 35<sup>th</sup> Way

Lauderdale Lakes, Florida 33309

### Article V Indemnification and Limitation of Liability:

- 1. The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or President or any former officer of the corporation, fully permitted by law. The private property of the member or officer, or president shall not unless other wise provided by law, be subject to the payment of the corporate debts to any extent whatsoever.
- 2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its member, 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 III hereof.
- 3. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute 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.
- 4. Divine Connections Incorporated, will not carry on or perform any activities, that are 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, to which contributions are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

5. This Corporation shall not discriminate in it's delivery of services based on Race, Creed. Ethnicity, Culture, Sexual orientation, Financial or Economic Class or religious background or beliefs.

### Article VI Dissolution and Division of Assets

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to other non-profit corporations for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes.

### Article VII Manner of Election

Appointment of Officers: The President appoints Members of the Board of Directors and determines the number of directors that shall sit on the Board. Vacancies arising due to a terminating event shall remain unfilled until the next annual meeting with duties assumed by other members. Full control of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested with the President who cannot be elected to office or removed from office.

Term of Office: No maximum tenure for any one office on the Board of Directors exists.

**Removal from office:** the President may remove a member of the Board of Directors for just cause.

#### Article VIII Membership

The membership shall represent women and children, neighborhood-based agencies, recipient neighborhoods and the community at large. Any charitable, scientific, health and educational agency may become a member as well as churches enjoined to the programs provided by the corporation.

#### Article IX Officers

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of the following: Chair of the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the President of the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

### Article X Duration of Existence

The corporation is organized on a non-stock basis and shall be considered established and in existence as of the date of the prepared filing and is specified effective as of the date stamped by the office of Corporations. This corporation shall exist as a perpetual entity unless designated otherwise by the President of the corporation.

### **Article XI Amendments**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the members, partners or officers are subject to this reservation.

### **Article XII Bylaws**

This Corporation shall abide by the operating guidelines provided by the bylaws adopted by Divine Connections Incorporated The Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by the President/Founder. The Board of Directors may amend or repeal any bylaws as directed by the President /Founder.

### Article XIII Initial Officers /Directors

President/Founder REGINA ROBINSON-THOMPSON 17520 North West 27<sup>th</sup> Ct. Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

Vice-President
Jabrina W. Thompson
309 South West 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.
Dania Beach, Florida 33004

Treasurer Henry W. Thompson 17520 North West 27<sup>th</sup> Ct. Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

Secretary:
Panella Cross
504 Phippen Road #2
Dania Beach, Florida 33004

### XIV Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is: REGINA ROBINSON-THOMPSON 17520 North West 27<sup>th</sup> Ct. Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

The foregoing Articles were adopted and approved on this the 16, day of January 2007 In witness whereof, the undersigned, being the President, of this Corporation, signs and execute these Articles of Incorporation.

President: Regina Robinson-Thompson

01-17-2007

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, accept the appointment as registered agent, and agree to act in this capacity.

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