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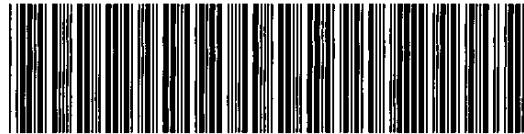
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September 12, 2007

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

RE: The Center of Hope, Inc. - A Not-For-Profit Corporation

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$78.75, and the original Articles of Incorporation of The Center of Hope, Inc., and one copy. Please return a file stamped copy to the above address. Thank you.

Sincerely,



WADE MERCER, ESQ.
Enclosures (as stated above)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

September 17, 2007

DOUGLAS WADE MERCER, P.A.
ATTN: WADE MERCER, ESQ.
4431 LAFAYETTE STREET
MARIANNA, FL 32446

SUBJECT: THE CENTER OF HOPE, INC.
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We have received your document for THE CENTER OF HOPE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE 1
NAME

The name of the Corporation is: HOPE CENTER OF MARIANNA, INC.

ARTICLE 2
NOT FOR PROFIT

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Trustees or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

ARTICLE 3
DURATION

The duration (term) of the Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE 4
PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively, for the following purposes:

A. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest,

manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein.

B. To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

C. Specifically (but without limitation of the foregoing or of any other powers or purposes under applicable Florida law), to help with the educational and emotional development of the youth of Jackson County, Florida.

ARTICLE 5 LIMITATION

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Trustees or Officers, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered (to officers and/or Trustees, or to other persons) and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 4 (Purposes) hereof.

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have Members who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Members and shall have all the rights and privileges of members of Corporation. The name and address of each initial Member is as follows:

Name and Address

Melissa Lynn Boyette
3590 Five Points Road
Cottondale, Florida 32431

Michael B. Griffin
2514 Mashburn Rd
Marianna, Florida 32448

Nadine Long
3385 North Oaks Drive
Marianna, Florida 32446

Diane T. Oswald
3205 5th St
Marianna, Florida 32446

Lillie K. Speights
4222 South Street
Marianna, Florida 32446

ARTICLE 7 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is 3590 Five Points Road, Cottondale, Florida 32431 and the name of its initial Registered Agent at that address is MELISSA LYNN BOYETTE. The initial mailing address of the Corporation is 3590 Five Points Road, Cottondale, Florida 32431. By her signature to these Articles, the said agent consents to the appointment as such, and by her signature hereto acknowledges that she is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position. The Board of Trustees may move the registered office or appoint a successor resident agent for the Corporation as it deems fit, from time to time.

ARTICLE 8 INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Trustees. The numbers of Trustees constituting the initial Board of Trustees is 5. The number of Trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three. The Members shall elect the Trustees annually. The Bylaws may provide for ex officio and honorary Trustees, and their rights and privileges. The name and address of each initial Trustee of the Corporation is as follows:

Name and Address

Melissa Lynn Boyette
3590 Five Points Road
Cottondale, Florida 32431

Michael B. Griffin
2514 Mashburn Rd
Marianna, Florida 32448

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ARTICLES 9 OFFICERS

The Officers of the Corporation shall consists of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Trustees (and may be removed by the Board of Trustees) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title</u>
Melissa Lynn Boyette 3590 Five Points Road Cottondale, Florida 32431	President; Secretary-Treasurer
Mary Fears 5177 Mt. Tabor Road Marianna, Florida 32446	Vice-President

ARTICLE 10 INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each Incorporator is as follows:

Melissa Lynn Boyette
3590 Five Points Road
Cottondale, Florida 32431

ARTICLE 11 AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Trustees and Officers are subject to this reservation. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, as amended from time to time, unless more specific provisions for amendments are adopted by the Corporation pursuant to law.

ARTICLE 12 TURNOVER OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which are themselves exempt under Section 501(c)(3) and/or Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding sections of past or future law) or to the federal, state or local government for exclusively public purposes.

ARTICLE 13 INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Trustee, including former Officers and Trustees, to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE 14 BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend and repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Trustees, but all alterations, amendments and repeals of the Bylaws must be approved by a majority of the Voting Members.

ARTICLE 15 COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

In accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, the date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of subscription and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

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**ARTICLE 16
NONSTOCK BASIS**

This Corporation is organized on a nonstock basis. This Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 24th day September, 2007.


MELISSA LYNN BOYETTE
Incorporator and Resident Agent

State of Florida
County of Jackson:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was acknowledged before me this 24th day of September, 2007, by Melissa Lynn Boyette, as Incorporator and Resident Agent, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.



Notary Public--
My Commission Expires:

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Notary Public, State of Florida
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