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

SUBJECT: Palm Beach Mahabodhi Compassionate Charity, Inc. - Đại Giác Từ Tế Viện (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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P.O. Box 3523 Address			-
	Lantana, FL 33465 City, State & Zip		-
	(561) 398-8289 Daytime Telephone number		-

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

November 19, 2007

QUANG MINH THICH P.O. BOX 3523 LANTANA, FL 33465

SUBJECT: PALM BEACH MAHABODHI COMPASSIONATE CHARITY, INC. -

GAI GIAC TIR TE VIEN

Ref. Number: W07000056785

We have received your document for PALM BEACH MAHABODHI COMPASSIONATE CHARITY, INC. -GAI GIAC TIR TE VIEN and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Entities may file using only the entity's name. Please delete any reference to the "doing business as name" in your document. If you wish to register your fictitious name, you may do so by filing an application and submitting the appropriate fees to this office.

An effective date <u>may</u> be added to the Articles of Incorporation <u>if a 2008 date is needed</u>, otherwise the date of receipt will be the file date. <u>A separate article must be added to the Articles of Incorporation for the effective date.</u>

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.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6047.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

Palm Beach Mahabodhi Compassionate Charity, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Principal Place of Business 1008 South Lake Drive, Lantana, FL 33462 Mailing Address
P.O. Box 3523
Lantana, FL 33465

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

- (A) This corporation shall be a non-profit organization formed for the general corporate purposes; for the purpose of facilitating and executing the business and activities of the Palm Beach Mahabodhi Compassionate Charity, Inc.

 within or without the State of Florida; to meet the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida in regard to the acquiring, mortgaging, and disposition of real estate within the State of Florida; and to conduct any and all business of the corporation.
- (B) The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, including the making of distributions to appropriate organizations that qualify as exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) within the meaning of any current Internal Revenue Service Law or the corresponding provisions of any future United State Internal Revenue Law.

- (C) The further purpose of the corporation is to operate as a Buddhist charitable center in accordance to the doctrines of the Buddha in order to carry out the following missions:
- 1. To inspire and to motivate participants to cultivate compassionate living and to achieve inner peace and harmony through Buddhist compassionate activities.
- 2. To instruct participants in reducing and eradicating mental inflictions and suffering in order to obtain clarity of the mind and wisdom by employing various Buddhist meditative concentrations and mental trainings.
- 3. To help support, educate, and inspire the participants from the needy communities to develop their potentials and to achieve their positive and compassionate dreams for the purpose of improving their own communities and of providing similar charitable support to others.

ARTICLE IV IRC 501 (C) (3) TAX EXEMPTION PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. LIMITATIONS ON ACTIVITIES.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation [except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code], and this 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 provisions of these Bylaws, this corporation shall not carry on any 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 (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST PRIVATE INUREMENT

This corporation shall issue no stock. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors or trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

SECTION 3. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

The corporation shall continue forever unless the directors/trustees terminate it and distribute all the principal and income, which action may be taken by the directors in their discretion at any time. Upon such dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of this state.

ARTICLE V MANNER OF ELECTION

The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a term of three years. The numbers of directors/trustees may be increased or diminished from time to time but shall never be less than three or more than seven. The method of election of the directors is as stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the specific titles:

1. Venerable Dr. Quang Minh Thich

President

1008 South Lake Drive, Lantana, FL 33462

2. Diep Ty Nguyen

<u>Vice President</u> 3703 Huntington street, NW Washington, DC 20015 3. Colin Do

Secretary

5008 Homestead Road, Orlando, FL 32808

4. Mai-Ly Nguyen

Treasurer

681 Wren Street,

Marco Island, FL 34145

ARTICLE VII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Quang Minh Thich 1008 South Lake Drive, Lantana, FL 33462

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Quang Minh Thich 1008 South Lake Drive, Lantana, FL 33462. Mailing Address
P.O. Box 3523
Lantana, FL 33465

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designed in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

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Signature/Incorporator

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