



## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: BHAKTIVEDANTA GAUDIYA INSTITUTE, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Eric Akridge  
Name (Printed or typed)

10308 NW 209 Lane  
Address

Alachua, FL 32615  
City, State & Zip

386-462-0741  
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
Of  
BHAKTIVEDANTA GAUDIYA INSTITUTE, INC.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act:

First: The name of the Corporation is the Bhaktivedanta Gaudiya Institute, Inc.

Second: The principal place of business and of this corporation shall be 10308 NW 209 Lane, Alachua, FL 32615. The mailing address shall be PO Box 1530, Alachua, FL 32616.

Third: The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

- (A) The Corporation is organized exclusively for and will operate exclusively for spiritual, material, charitable, and educational purposes including, but not limited to, the development of others in Vedic culture including ancient traditional and modern practical aspects.
- (B) To propagate the sankirtan movement (congregational chanting of the holy name of God) as an effective means of God Realization.
- (C) To reveal the study of Vedic scriptures, particularly Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam and teach the essence of all scriptures in pursuance of God consciousness.
- (D) To publish and/or distribute periodicals, magazines, newsletters, books, and other writings directed toward achieving the aforementioned purposes.
- (E) To contract with other groups, individuals, and organizations for the promotion of spiritual life in general as agreed upon by the directors and the involved persons.
- (F) To produce, purchase, secure copyrights, patents, lease or otherwise acquire, hold, own, improve, maintain, use, develop, sell, exchange, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of, import, export, distribute, vend, advertise, exhibit and deal in with either as principal agent or otherwise, goods, wares, and merchandise of every kind and nature necessary for the education and assistance of the public with regards to the Corporation.
- (G) To purchase, take on lease, exchange or by succession or otherwise acquire, hold, own, maintain, develop, improve, sell, convey, encumber by mortgage or deed of trust, or otherwise acquire and dispose of real and personal property and any interest thereto-or right therein, to the full extent necessary for business and objectives of the Corporation.
- (H) To enter into, make and perform contracts and agreements of every kind and description as they relate to the functioning of the Corporation with any person, firm, association, corporation, municipality, country, state, body, politic or government or colony or dependency thereof.

- (I) To contract with other person(s), corporation(s) or association(s) for the use and enjoyment by such persons, corporations or associations of the property and privileges of this Corporation upon such restrictions as may be provided for in the corporate by-laws or as may be determined upon from time to time by the Board of Directors of this Corporation.
- (J) The Corporation shall execute all powers conferred upon corporations formed under the State of Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act, including, but not limited to the power to enter into contracts with and to receive grants from federal agencies, foundation and other organizations to establish and maintain offices and agencies within and anywhere outside the State of Florida and to execute all or any of its corporate powers and rights in the State of Florida and in any other state, territory, district, colony, possession or dependency of the United States of America and in any foreign country or place. For the performance of functions in accordance with these purposes, the power to receive as a gift money or property, real or personal, the power to solicit funds and other contributions and do all other things necessary or advisable in connection therewith, not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation.
- (K) Fourth: Persons are to be admitted as members of the Corporation on the recommendation of a present member and the approval of the Board of Directors.

Fifth: The Corporation shall have two classes of members: the Voting Member and the Honorary Member, who shall have no vote. Membership shall be determined in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation.

Sixth: Except for the initial Board of Directors, whose names are set forth in these articles, the manner of the election or appointment of the Board, their numbers and term shall be set forth in the by-laws.

Seventh: Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation, except as provided in these articles, shall be determined and fixed by the by-laws as adopted by the Board of Directors. At all times, and notwithstanding change of name, merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, voluntarily or involuntarily or by operation of law or any other provisions hereof:

- (A) The by-laws are to be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.
- (B) The Corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority, either expressly by interpretation or operation of law, that will prevent it at any time from qualifying and continuing to qualify as a Corporation described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended (hereafter called "the Code"). Contributions are deductible for Federal

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income tax purposes; and the Corporation shall not engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would cause the loss of such qualification.

- (C) The Corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of executing trade or business for profit.
- (D) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditure as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.
- (E) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4943 of the Code.
- (F) No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall be used, nor shall the Corporation ever be organized or operated for purposes that are not exclusively charitable, scientific, or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the code, nor shall any part of the net earnings inure the benefit of or be distributed to any member, officer, Board member, or other private person except for the offering of reasonable compensation for services rendered and/or reasonable allowances for expenses incurred on behalf of the Corporation. The Corporation will not issue stock.
- (G) No solicitation of contributions to the Corporation shall be made and no gifts, bequest of devise to the Corporation shall be accepted upon any condition that in the judgment of the Corporation may cause it to lose its federal tax-exempt status.
- (H) At no time shall the Corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under the laws of the United States of America or the State of Florida; nor shall it engage in any transaction defined at the time as "prohibited" under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- (I) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of disseminating propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation as these prohibited activities are defined by law, nor shall it participate or intervene in any manner, or to any extent, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office whether by publishing or distributing statements otherwise.
- (J) Upon the termination, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment or provision for payment for all liabilities of the Corporation, shall be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation or to such organization or organizations described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Code.

Eighth: The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 10308 NW 209 Lane, Alachua, FL 32615, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Eric Akridge.

Ninth: The name and mailing address of the Incorporator is Eric Akridge, PO Box 2648, Alachua, FL 32616.

Tenth: The first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first annual meeting of members of the Corporation and shall consist of five persons whose names and addresses are as follows:

Eric Akridge  
10308 NW 209 Lane,  
Alachua, FL 32615

Jerry MacDougall  
16721 NW 134th Drive  
Alachua FL 32615

Laura Linzing  
10209 nw 209 Lane  
Alachua, FL 32615

Edmund R. Johnston  
P.O. Box 1922  
Alachua, FL 32616

William Glick  
13605 NW CR 235 #1204  
Alachua, FL 32615

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



Signature/Registered Agent

12-12-07

Date



Signature/Incorporator

12-12-07

Date