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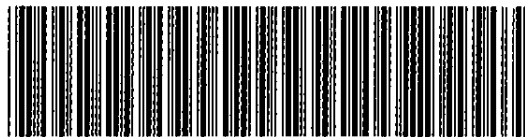
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SUBJECT: Nature Coast Ministries, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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& Certified Copy

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Nature Coast Ministries, Inc.
Name (Printed or typed)

838 N. Citrus Avenue
Address

Crystal River, FL 34428
City, State & Zip

352-795-4046
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

Nature Coast Ministries, Inc.

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ARTICLE ONE - Name

The name of the corporation is Nature Coast Ministries, Inc.

ARTICLE TWO – Physical and Mailing Address

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be: 838 N. Citrus Avenue, Crystal River, Florida 34428. The Principal mailing address shall be: 838 N. Citrus Avenue, Crystal River, Florida 34428.

ARTICLE THREE - Purpose

The purposes for which this corporation has been organized are as follows:

1. To put forth in the community the expressed love, hope, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ through actions which improve the quality of life for our citizens while respecting their inherent dignity as fellow human beings. We will do this without regard for race, gender, religion, age, marital status, or station.
2. This will be accomplished by reaching out to our community's needs and provide assistance thru:
 - A. Health Ministries – including physical, mental, & substance abuse treatment;
 - B. Benevolence Ministries – including food, clothing, & employment;
 - C. Housing Ministries – including crisis, halfway, & homeless intervention;
 - D. Outreach Ministries – including counseling & mentoring;
 - E. Youth Ministries – including sports and juvenile services;
 - F. All other purposes incidental and collateral to the above purposes.

ARTICLE FOUR – Manner of Election

Membership shall be limited to the Board of Directors elected and sponsored and actively serving Nature Coast Ministries, Inc. Members must have embraced and expressed the desire to achieve the purposes of the corporation. Each director shall be at least twenty one years of age and must be a professed evangelical Christian with membership in good standing in an evangelical Christian church.

Individuals proposed as members of the Board of Directors shall complete and submit a Board approved written application and questionnaire. The application and the questionnaire shall include opportunity for the proposed member to provide testimony to their faith in order to ensure that members of the Board of Directors are of the evangelical

Christian faith, that they practice and live out their faith in a manner consistent with the values and goals of Nature Coast Ministries, Inc., and that they possess a teachable spirit.

The number of Directors shall be the number of Directors elected from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws but shall never be less than three. Prospective directors shall be elected by the sitting directors at the annual meeting of members and shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

A Nominating Committee shall provide a slate of prospective board members at the October board meeting for approval and election by the Board at the annual meeting in January. Election of new directors or re-election of current directors to an additional term will occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the corporation. Directors will be elected by a majority vote of the membership present.

ARTICLE FIVE – Initial Directors and Officers

The initial Board of Directors has been appointed by the Incorporators as shown in Article VII.

The number constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is four (4), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve initially are:

President

Arnold Joseph Monroe
5980 W. Woodside Drive, Crystal River, FL 34429

Vice President

C. Stephen Martin
1517 N. Endicott Pt., Crystal River, FL 34429

Secretary

Patricia A. Van Ness
9779 N. Cavewood Avenue, Crystal River, FL 34428

Treasurer

Don McTarnaghan
7267 East Oak Isle Drive, Inverness, FL 34450

The initial Board of Directors will appoint additional Directors as provided by the By-Laws of the corporation.

The corporation is organized under a non-stock basis, but no other limitations of corporate powers as authorized under section 617.0302 will be binding.

ARTICLE SIX – Registered Agent

The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

William Benjamin, 838 N. Citrus Avenue, Crystal River, FL 34428.

ARTICLE SEVEN - Incorporator

The name and address of each incorporator is:

Arnold Joseph Monroe

5980 W. Woodside Drive, Crystal River, FL 34429

C. Stephen Martin

1517 N. Endicott Pt., Crystal River, FL 34429

Patricia A. Van Ness

9779 N. Cavewood Avenue, Crystal River, FL 34428

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ARTICLE EIGHT

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or a state or a local government, for the public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively; for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

This corporation will be a separate and distinct corporation, not subject to the authority of any national associations.

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is exclusively charitable within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

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 William R. Benjamin Date 5-1-08
Signature/Incorporator Arndt Joseph Monroe Date 5-1-08
Arndt Joseph Monroe

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