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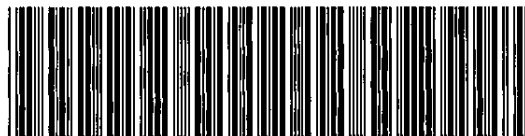
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**SUBJECT:** HINDU SANATAN TEMPLE, INC.

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

**Articles of Incorporation of**  
**HINDU SANATAN TEMPLE, INC.**

**a Florida not for profit corporation**

The undersigned Incorporator hereby adopts and files these Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, in order to form a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I.**

**Name**

The name of this Corporation shall be **HINDU SANATAN TEMPLE, INC.**

**ARTICLE II.**

**Address**

The street address of the initial principal office, and the mailing address, of this Corporation shall be 19 W. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351.

**ARTICLE III.**

**Corporate Purposes**

The Corporation is organized as a Temple and shall be a nonprofit organization formed and operated exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which purposes shall include, but not limited to, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship; the fostering of the Hindu solidarity as a unity in diversity among all sects and lineages; the informing and inspiring of Hindus worldwide and people interested in Hinduism; the dispelling of myths, illusions and misinformation about Hinduism; the

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protecting, preserving and promoting of the sacred Vedas and the Hindu religion; the nurturing and monitoring of the ongoing spiritual Hindu renaissance; the publishing of a resource for Hindu leaders and educators who promote Sanatan Dharma; the preserving and protecting of the rich Hindu Cultural Heritage in our present and future generations; the practicing, promoting and teaching of the Hindu religion and Hindu way of life; the providing of a forum for religious worship and celebrations, and for cultural, religious, and spiritual development activities; the soliciting of contributions in the form of grants, donations, gifts and endowments for the use of the organization in connection with its tax exempt purpose; the owning, leasing and operating of property, equipment and other facilities necessary for accomplishing the foregoing objectives; the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the acceptance from any party, from time to time, of contributions; and the deriving of income to be used or applied exclusively for the purposes set forth above. The Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to which deductible contributions may be made under Sections 170, 2055, or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable. No part of the assets or the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director, member, or any other person; provided, however, the Corporation is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be dedicated to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## **ARTICLE IV.**

### **Term of Corporate Existence**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved according to law.

## **ARTICLE V.**

### **Corporate Powers**

This Corporation shall have and exercise all the powers accorded not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are not in conflict with the Corporation's exempt purposes as provided hereinabove.

## **ARTICLE VI.**

### **Members**

Each member of the Board of Directors shall be a voting member of the Corporation. Any individual, paying dues and fees as provided in the bylaws, and agreeing to be bound by the articles and the bylaws, and by such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may from time to time adopt, are eligible for membership in the corporation. The Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe the form and manner in which application may be made for membership.

## **ARTICLE VII.**

### **Board of Directors**

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors, the number of which may be either increased or decreased from time to time as regulated by the Bylaws but shall consist of not fewer than three (3). The manner and method of election of the Board of Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation. Where not inconsistent with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and the express provisions of these Articles, the Board of Directors shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges prescribed by law of directors of corporations for profit. The initial

Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of eleven (11) members, as set forth below, who shall hold office for such terms as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation and until their successors have been elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation, removal from office, inability to act, or death:

<b>TAROON N. SHAH</b>	180 Vineyard Way Tallahassee, Florida 32317
<b>PRADIP S. PATEL</b>	1737 Beaver Creek Drive Havana, Florida 32333
<b>MUKESH PATEL</b>	4780 Hedge Wood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32309
<b>MRUGESH PATEL</b>	1350 W. Tennessee Street Tallahassee, Florida 32304
<b>YOGESH PATEL</b>	21 Yvona Court Havana, Florida 32333
<b>BHARATBHAI BHAKTA</b>	3705 Woodville Highway Tallahassee, Florida 32305
<b>JITUBHAI BHAKTA</b>	2086 Highway 71 Marianna, Florida 32446
<b>NARENDRABHAI BHAKTA</b>	10 Yvona Court Havana, Florida 32333
<b>PANKAJ SHAH</b>	1833 Winery Way Tallahassee, Florida 32317
<b>PARESH PATEL</b>	2114 Pat Thomas Parkway Quincy, Florida 32351
<b>MANHARBHAI BHAKTA</b>	368 E. Jefferson Street Quincy, Florida 32351

**ARTICLE VIII.**  
**Officers**

The Corporation shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors at such time and in such manner as prescribed by the Bylaws. The Corporation may have such other officers and assistant officers and agents as the Board of Directors may deem necessary, to be elected by the Board of Directors or chosen in such other manner as prescribed by the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX.**  
**Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The name of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation and the street address of the initial Registered Office of this Corporation in the State of Florida shall be as follows:

**PRADIP S. PATEL**

1737 Beaver Creek Drive  
Havana, Florida 32333

The Board of Directors may from time to time change the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida or change the Registered Agent.

**ARTICLE X.**  
**Amendment**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in any manner now or hereafter provided for by law, and all rights conferred upon shareholders hereunder are granted subject to this reservation.

**ARTICLE XI.**  
**Dissolution**

Upon dissolution, all of the Corporation's assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed for an exempt purpose to any organization which

shall then be qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) and to which a contribution shall be permitted as a deduction under Sections 170, 2055, or 2522 as applicable, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. None of the assets shall be distributed to any officer, director, or member of the Corporation, or any other person or organization not described in the preceding sentence.

## ARTICLE XII.

### Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator of this Corporation are as follows:

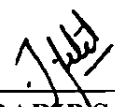
**PRADIP S. PATEL**

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### Article XIII. Effective Date

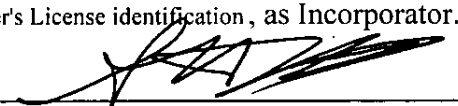
The effective date of the Corporation's existence is September 1, 2008.

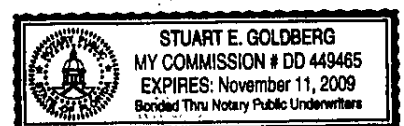
*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have executed these Articles of Incorporation of **HINDU SANATAN TEMPLE, INC.** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRADIP S. PATEL**  
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation of **HINDU SANATAN TEMPLE, INC.** were acknowledged before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, by **PRADIP S. PATEL** (  ) who is personally known to me; or (  ) who produced a Florida Driver's License identification, as Incorporator.

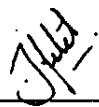
  
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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT  
AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

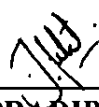
Pursuant to Sections 48.091 and 617.0501, Florida Statutes, **HINDU SANATAN TEMPLE, INC.**, desiring to organize as a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 19 W. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, as its initial Registered Office, and has named **PRADIP S. PATEL**, located at 1737 Beaver Creek Drive, Havana, Florida 32333, as its initial Registered Agent.

  
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**PRADIP S. PATEL**  
Incorporator

Date: 9-4-08

**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named by the above-stated Corporation as its registered agent to accept service of process at the location designated herein, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment and agrees to act in this capacity, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes, and agrees to comply with the laws of Florida applicable thereto.

  
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**PRADIP S. PATEL**  
Registered Agent

Date: 9-4-08

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