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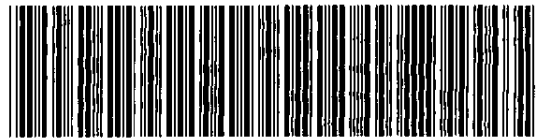
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# **Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church**

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**March 28, 2009**

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**Division of Corporations**

**P.O. Box 6327**

**Tallahassee, Florida, 32314**

**SUBJECT: Saint Paul Empowerment Center, Inc.**

*(Proposed not for profit)*

**Dear Sirs:**

**Enclosed please find one original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the proposed, not for profit corporation, and a check for the registration fee in the amount of \$35.00.**

**FROM: Rev. Joy L. Gallmon**  
**15195 SW 37<sup>th</sup> Terrace**  
**Ocala, Florida 34473**  
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REV. JOY L. GALLMON  
15195 SW 37TH TERRACE  
OCALA, FL 34473

SUBJECT: SAINT PAUL EMPOWERMENT CENTER, INC.  
Ref. Number: W09000018126

We have received your document for SAINT PAUL EMPOWERMENT CENTER, INC. and check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

There is a balance due of \$35.00.

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

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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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
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**SAINT PAUL EMPOWERMENT CENTER, INC.**

(A Corporation Not for Profit)

**THE UNDERSIGNED, acting as incorporators of a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.**

**ARTICLE I—Name**

**The name of the corporation shall be:**

**SAINT PAUL EMPOWERMENT CENTER, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**

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

**The initial place of business shall be:  
718 N.W. 7th St. Ocala, Florida 34475**

**The initial mailing address shall be:  
Post Office Box 2223 Ocala, FL 34478**

### **ARTICLE III - Mission Statement**

The mission of the Saint Paul Empowerment Center, Inc. is to promote healthy living through nutrition education, meal planning, childcare, improved living conditions and improved access to governmental services.

### **ARTICLE IV - Purposes**

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are as follows: This corporation shall promote healthy living through education, childcare, improved living conditions and improved access to government services.

The poverty level in the city of Ocala, Florida is 18.8 %, in West Ocala the poverty level is 40% and in the targeted area the poverty level is 66 %. This represents 851 adults and 409 children. Therefore, there is a disproportionate number of adults and children with serious health and nutrition related problems, living in substandard housing, unemployed or underemployed and in need of assistance in the acquisition of needed governmental services. The Saint Paul Empowerment Center, Inc. will bring to bear its collective one hundred nineteen (119) years of educational, one hundred ninety seven (197) years of community involvement, fifty one (51) years of customer service, fifty-five (55) years of education, thirty-five (35) years administrative and twenty (20) years of training experience in promoting healthy living through education, improved living conditions and improved access to government services for the residents of west Ocala, Florida.

The implementation of this program by the Saint Paul Empowerment Center, Inc. will provide education, childcare, improved living conditions and access to governmental services to 10% of adults and children in West Ocala, Florida in the first year and an additional 5 % each year thereafter until at least 90% of the adults and children in the targeted area are receiving improved services.

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**ARTICLE V - Term of Existence**

**This corporation is to exist perpetually.**

**ARTICLE VI - Subscribers**

**The names and street addresses of the subscribers to these articles of incorporation shall be:**

**Rev. Joy L. Gallmon  
15195 SW 37th Terrace  
Ocala, FL 34473**

**Alice Roberts Cunningham  
8160 SW 53rd Court  
Ocala, Florida 34476**

**Jacob L. Gallmon  
6426 SE 41st Ct.  
Ocala, Florida 34480**

**Gloria J. Powell  
2370 SW 6th Street  
Ocala, FL 34471**

**Catherine R. Rayner  
12852 SW 64th Circle  
Ocala, FL 34473**

**Rev. Melvin Rayner  
12852 SW 64th Circle  
Ocala, FL 34473**

**Pauline D. Vereen  
530 SW 23rd Ave.  
Ocala, Florida 34471**

## **ARTICLE VII - Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the corporation shall be the Pastor of St. Paul AME Church of Ocala, Florida, Chairperson Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and such other officers as may from time to time be created by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until their successors are elected and qualified are:

**Chairperson – Rev. Joy L. Gallmon, Pastor of St. Paul AME Church of Ocala, Florida**

**Vice Chairperson - Pauline D. Vereen**

**Secretary - Gloria Powell**

**Treasurer – Linda Newbold**

**Financial Secretary – Rev. Melvin Rayner**

**Section 3.** The Officers (except for the chairperson) shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the corporation at the annual business meeting of the corporation.

**Section 4.** The Finance Committee shall consist of the chairperson, always the Pastor of St. Paul AME Church of Ocala, Florida, vice chairperson, financial secretary, treasurer and one person elected by the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee, with the exception of the chairperson, shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The positions of treasurer and financial secretary shall not be combined. The committee shall carry out the directions of the Board of Directors.

- a) The financial secretary shall receive and record all funds. A record of all funds received shall be given to the treasurer. Funds received shall be deposited promptly in accordance with procedures established by the Finance Committee. The Financial secretary shall keep a record of all receipts and payments.**
- b) The treasurer shall disburse all funds as the Board of Directors may determine. The chairman, financial secretary and treasurer shall sign and document each disbursement over one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Three (3) signatures shall be required for each disbursement.**
- c) The treasurer shall make regular and detailed reports on funds received and expended to the Finance Committee. The treasurer shall be adequately bonded.**
- d) The finance committee shall make provisions for an annual audit of the financial records and shall report to the Board of Directors**
- e) The Finance committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors proper depositories for funds. Funds received shall be promptly deposited in the name of the corporation**
- f) The committee shall prepare annually a report to the Board of Directors of all designated funds that are separate from the current expense budget.**

**Section 5. The names of the initial Finance Committee of this corporation are:**  
**Rev. Joy L Gallmon, Chairperson**  
**Pauline D. Vereen, Vice Chairperson**  
**Linda Newbold, Treasurer**  
**Rev. Melvin Rayner, Financial Secretary**  
**Marie Dixon Jones**

**ARTICLE VIII - Board of Directors**

**The members of the Board of Directors shall be an odd number and shall never be less than three (3) in number. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the By-laws, but shall never be less than three. The Board of Director shall be elected as set forth in the By-Laws. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors of this corporation are:**

**Rev. Joy L. Gallmon**  
**15195 SW 37th Terrace**  
**Ocala, FL 34473**

**Alice Roberts Cunningham**  
**8160 SW 53rd Court**  
**Ocala, Florida 34476**

**Gloria J. Powell**  
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**Ocala, FL 34473**

**Rev. Melvin Rayner**  
**12852 SW 64th Circle**  
**Ocala, FL 34473**

**Pauline D. Vereen**  
**530 SW 23rd Ave.**  
**Ocala, Florida 3447**

**Linda Newbold**  
**5 Fir Trail**  
**Ocala, Florida 34472**



**ARTICLE IX - By-Laws**

The directors shall have the right to make and adopt such By-Laws as they shall deem proper and advisable and such By-Laws shall be made, altered, or rescinded upon a majority vote of the directors.

**ARTICLE X - Registered Agent**

The registered agent shall be the pastor of St. Paul AME Church of Ocala, Florida. The name and street address of the initial registered agent of this corporation shall be:

Rev. Joy L. Gallmon  
15195 SW 37th Terrace  
Ocala, Florida 34473

**ARTICLE XI**

The names and street address of the incorporators shall be:

Rev. Joy L. Gallmon  
15195 SW 37<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
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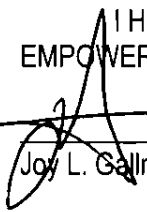
Pauline D. Vereen  
530 SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34471

ACCEPTANCE

I HEREBY accept the appointment as registered agent of SAINT PAUL EMPOWERMENT CENTER, INC and agree to act in that capacity.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joy L. Gallmon

I HEREBY accept the appointment as the executing incorporator of SAINT PAUL EMPOWERMENT CENTER, INC and agree to act in that capacity.

  
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Joy L. Gallmon

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