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# Articles of Incorporation for WHOLENESS, INCORPORATED

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# Article I - Name

The name of this corporation is Wholeness, Incorporated.

#### Article II - Principal Office

The principal office for the transaction of business of this corporation is to be located at 1859 SE North Buttonwood Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

## **Article III - Purposes and Powers**

- A. The general purposes and powers are to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on corporations formed under the laws of the State of Florida. In furtherance but not in limitation of the foregoing charitable and educational purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:
  - 1. To solicit, collect and receive money and other assets, and to administer funds and contributions received by grant, gift, deed, bequest or devise, and otherwise to acquire money, securities, property rights and services of every kind and description;
  - 2. To hold, bequest, expend, contribute, use, sell or otherwise dispose of any money, securities, property, rights or services so acquired for the purposes above mentioned;
  - 3. To engage in any and all other activities which will directly or indirectly improve the welfare and conditions of said residents and groups; and
  - 4. To exercise all other rights and powers conferred upon corporation formed under the General Nonprofit Law of the State of Florida, provided however, that the Corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific and primary charitable and educational purposes of this Corporation.

- B. The specific purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable and educational. The mission of Wholeness, Incorporated is to help individuals and families affected by domestic abuse and violence in their efforts to move their lives forward. Counseling services will be provided, shelter, and advocacy to support them in building their lives free from the effects of violence. Program objectives are the following:
  - 1. <u>Counseling and Advocacy</u>- programs and services which provide information on domestic abuse and violence to include assessments and supportive activities as e.g. *Face to Face Counseling*, *Telephone Counseling*, and / or *Group Counseling* by professional staff of clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors and / or psychologists.
  - 2. <u>Community Education and Training</u> providing presentations to community groups and the public about the incidence and dynamics of violence and abuse and important information about how to identify at risk individuals; providing middle and high school students, young adults, families, and community-based organizations with a curriculum on dating violence, peer violence, healthy relationships, conflict resolution and safety planning.
  - 3. <u>Emergency Shelter</u> providing a temporary, safe place to live for fleeing individuals such as battered women, victims of domestic violence, and sexual abuse by committing to their safety and well-being, and ending the generational cycle of abuse. Support group services to provide individuals with sustainable self-reliance to social change.
  - 4. Youth Services providing a safe place for youth through development of healthy lifestyles via health and wellness for physical and mental well being which include recreational and social activities, vocational preparation, and counseling. Counseling will also be provided to youth by certified professionals who are experiencing the transition of divorce and separation, grief and loss, family discord, and domestic or community violence.
- C. All of the foregoing purposes and powers shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such manner that the Corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as it is currently and shall hereafter be in force and effect.

# **Article IV - Officers of the Corporation**

President – Brenda M. Coles – James, 1859 SE North Buttonwood Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952; Vice President – Willie L. James, Jr. – 1859 SE North Buttonwood Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952; Secretary / Treasurer – Sandi Berkenfeld, 100 Paradise Harbour Boulevard, #409, North Palm Beach, Florida 33408.

### Article V - Manner of Election and Appointment of Officers and Directors

The manner in which Directors shall be chosen and removed from office, their qualifications, powers, duties, the manner of filling vacancies on the Board and the manner of calling and holding meetings of the Board of Directors, shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

# Article VI - Dissolution of the Corporation

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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **Article V- Principal Office of Registered Agent**

The street address of the principal office of the registered agent of this corporation is 1859 SE North Buttonwood Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952.

#### Article VI – Incorporator

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is Brenda M. Coles - James whose address 1859 SE North Buttonwood Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952.

#### **Article VII - Amendment**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the officers / directors is subject to this reservation.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Willie L. James, Jr.

Registered Agent

Date

Brenda M. Coles-James

Incorporator

Date