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SUBJECT: The Dolores Foundation 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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## Articles of Incorporation of THE DOLORES FOUNDATION, INC. A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

#### 1. ARTICLE ONE - NAME

The name of this corporation is THE DOLORES FOUNDATION, INC.



#### ARTICLE TWO, STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act set forth in Part I of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE THREE - PURPOSE(S) OF CORPORATION

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to transact any lawful business for which Non Profit corporations may be organized under the laws of the State of Florida, as they may be amended from time to time and under Section 501 (c) 3, Internal Revenue Code. The primary, but not limiting purpose of the corporation is to foster, support and engage in activities relative to religious concepts, goals and ideals, including any and all activities which are lawful and appropriate in accordance with the tenets of Christianity and the laws of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - TAX-EXEMPT STATUS:**

- (a) This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, public benefit, educational and religious purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code
- (b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause thereof. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other part of this document, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code

{c} On the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation, the remaining assets of this corporation shall be distributed to a similar organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational and religious purposes that has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

#### ARTICLE FIVE - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE SIX - TRUSTEES AS MEMBERSHIP

- (a) **Trustees as Membership.** The sole class of membership of this corporation shall be its trustees. The Trustees may create additional classes of membership.
- (b) **Rights and Liabilities of Members.** The members of this corporation shall have no right, title or interest whatsoever in its income, property or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this corporation. Members of this corporation shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or bligations of the corporation and shall not be subject to any assessment.

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN - SUBSCRIBER**

The name and residence address of the subscriber of this corporation is:

Scott Meritt 5951 State Highway 20 East Freeport, Florida 32439

### ARTICLE EIGHT - LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

- (a) The address of the principal office of the corporation is 5951 State Highway 20 East, Freeport, Florida 32439. The county in which the corporation's business is to be transacted is Walton County, Florida.
- (b) The name and address of the corporation's registered agent is SCOTT MERITT, 5951 State Highway 20 East, Freeport, FL 32439. The principal address is the same as the registered office.

#### ARTICLE NINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The number of trustees shall not be less than two or more than 7. The first trustees of the corporation are:

Scott Meritt 5951 State Highway 20 East Freeport, FL 32439

Jane Ehardt 5951 State Highway 20 East Freeport, FL 32439

Carol Ann Hodges 5951 State Highway 20 East Freeport, FL 32439

The trustees named herein as the first board of trustees shall hold office until the first meeting of the board of trustees at such date and time as the board of trustees shall designate, at the offices of the corporation, at which time an election of trustees shall be held. Annual meetings of the board of trustees shall be held prior to September 1 of each year at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place or places as the board of trustees may designate from time to time.

Any Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of trustees under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by a unanimous vote of the trustees. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of trustees without a meeting, and that the articles of incorporation of this corporation authorize the trustees to so act. Such a statement shall be *prima facie* evidence of such authority.

Corporate Officers. The board of trustees shall elect the following officers: president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as the trustees may choose to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

Scott Meritt President
Jane Ehardt Secretary

Carol Ann Hidges Treasurer

#### **ARTICLE TEN - BYLAWS**

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or aproved by the members of the corporation, bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of trustees or by following the procedure set forth therein pursuant to the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE ELEVEN - DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, public benefit, educational and scientific purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any trustee, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE TWELVE - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, public benefit, educational and scientific purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.

#### ARTICLE THIRTEEN - DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND PROHIBITIVE TRANSACTIONS

(a) **Distribution of Income.** The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.

- (b) **Self Dealing.** The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing **as** defined on Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.
- © Excess Business Holdings. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943© of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.
- (d) Investments Jeopardizing Charitable Purpose. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.
- (e) **Taxable Expenditures.** The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.

#### ARTICLE FOURTEEN - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the board of trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of two-thirds of a quorum of members of the corporation.

I, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, and for the purpose of forming this nonprofit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 27 day of August, 2009.

COTT MERIT

5951 State Highway 20 East

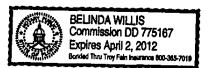
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**COUNTY OF WALTON** 

On this 67 day of August, 2009, personally appeared before me, SCOTT MERITT who (X) is personally known to me, or ( ) provided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the DOLORES Foundation, Inc., for the purposes expressed therein.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above written.



Notary Public, State at Large

My Commission Expires:

#### **ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of The DOLORES Foundation, Inc., which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED this 6th day of August, 2009.

SCOTT MERIT

Registered Agent

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