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SUBJECT: Serenity Community Services Organization, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

- ☐ $70.00 Filing Fee
- ☐ $78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status
- ☐ $78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy
- ☑ $87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Barbara D. Ivey
Name (Printed or typed)

333 North Charles Willis Drive
Address

Midway, Florida 32343
City, State & Zip

(850) 539-7966
Daytime Telephone number

barbara_ivey@bellsouth.net
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SERENITY COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATION, INC.

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be **SERENITY COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATION, INC.**, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation.

ARTICLE II - ADDRESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 333 North Charles Willis Drive, Midway, Florida 32343.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and community service purposes in providing assistance to underprivileged, disadvantaged, at-risk, abused and neglected children, adults and the elderly. The scope of these services include the making of provisions for educational, cultural, recreational, crime prevention, and social benefits; improving the quality and increasing the availability of services for drug and alcohol prevention to include spiritual guidance and referrals; academic assistance to include GED preparation, remediation, tutorial, and homework assistance; training and employment assistance with emphasis on enhancing employability skills; need assessments and developmental services assistance and referrals; health education services to include nutrition and wellness; personal development services with emphasis on social skills, discovery skills, self care and safety, discipline and control, and general physical health; outreach support services; and assisted care services through residential housing, assisted living, adult day care, family day care and group homes. This Corporation shall not be for profit.

ARTICLE IV – PROHIBITION

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or 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 the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted in the carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a Corporation, contributions in which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The original subscribers of this corporation shall serve as the initial board of directors and shall serve for a period of one (1) year. All subsequent directors shall be elected by and from the general membership. The names and addresses of the initial board of directors until the first election are as follows:

James W. Brown, Jr., Chair
3001 Byington Circle
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Howard Matthew, Vice-Chair
2116 Atlanta Street
Quincy, Florida 32351

Frances Harrell, Secretary/Treasurer
Post Office Box 123
Quincy, Florida 32353

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation may, but need not, have voting members, and such membership, if any, and classes thereof, shall be as defined in the corporation's bylaws. The management and affairs of the corporation shall be at all times under the direction of a Board of Directors, whose operations in governing the corporation shall be defined by statute and by the corporation's by-laws. No member or Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENT

The Corporation shall have the rights and power to enact By-Laws and the further right and power to alter, amend or rescind the same upon previous notice of intention to alter, amend, or rescind the same for such length of time as may be prescribe by the By-Laws, Rules or Regulations of this Corporation, including the manner or procedure thereof, at an business meeting or session, or at any Special meeting called for purpose. Any alteration, amendment or rescinding of the By-Laws of this Corporation shall be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a principal majority of the members present at regular or special meeting, providing that a ten (10) day written notice is mailed to all members prior to the meeting at which amendments will be acted upon.

ARTICLE VIII
DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE IX– DISSOLUTION

In the event this organization should dissolve, all assets remaining at the time of dissolution shall be offered to the sources providing those assets. If those providers should choose to leave those resources with the Corporation, the assets shall first be made available to another 501(c) (3) organization. If this effort fails, the assets will be made available to an audit of local government.

ARTICLE X – REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The name and address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is BARBARA IVEY, 333 North Charles Willis Drive, Midway, Florida 32343.

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 am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Barbara D. Ivey
Barbara D. Ivey

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20th day of October, 2009 for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit in the State of Florida.

James W. Brown
James W. Brown, Jr., Chairman