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## **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

## SUBJECT: Homeless Veterans Services of Central Florida, 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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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED** 

FROM: Benjamin C. Thomas

Name (Printed or typed)

320 Hwy 27, Suite # 129 Address

Clermont, FL 34714

City, State & Zip

(321) 438-4661

Daytime Telephone number

DawnMLThomas@aol.com

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**

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Homeless Veterans Services of Central Florida, Inc.

## ARTICLE I NAME/REGISTERED OFFICE

#### The name of this corporation shall is:

Homeless Veterans Services of Central Florida, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II BUSINESS ADDRESS

The principal place of business is:

320 Hwy 27, Suite # 129 Clermont, FL 34741

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

Homeless Veterans Services of Central Florida, Inc. is a community-based organization whose purpose is to promote healthy transition and stability for Central Florida homeless and at risked Veterans and their families through the provision of information, resources and supportive services.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

#### ARTICLE IV LIMITATIONS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of Homeless Veterans Services of Central Florida, Inc. shall inure to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any Director or officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that the corporation shall pay for services actually rendered to the corporation, or allowed by the corporation as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation;

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2. No substantial part of the activities of Homeless Veterans Services of Central Florida, Inc. shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; and

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, Homeless Veterans Services of Central Florida, Inc. shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.

#### ARTICLE V ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Directors shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the membership. Directors of the initial board shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which time their successors will be duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

The eligibility, rights and obligations of the members will be determined by the organization's bylaws. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporation's bylaws. No director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is three (3); their names and addresses are as follows:

Chairman: Benjamin C. Thomas 320 Hwy 27, Suite # 129 Clermont, FL 34714

Vice-Chair: Dawn M. Thomas 320 Hwy 27, Suite # 129 Clermont, FL 34714

Secretary/Treasurer: John Gaye 320 Hwy 27, Suite # 129 Clermont, FL 34714

## ARTICLE VI 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

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members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION

Upon the time of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, 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 VIII REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the Registered Agent shall be Benjamin C. Thomas, an individual resident of the State of Florida. The mailing address of the Registered Agent shall be 320 Hwy 27, Suite # 129, Clermont, FL 34714.

#### ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR

The Incorporator of this corporation is:

Benjamin C. Thomas 320 Hwy 27, Suite # 129 Clermont, FL 34714.

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Having been named as registered Agent 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.

Signature/Registered Agent

12-9-09 Date

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Signature/Incorporator

Date

