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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
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**SUBJECT: BANDS OF THE VILLAGES, INCORPORATED**  
(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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☐ \$78.75  
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& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Jean Butler  
Name (Printed or typed)

3145 Hillside Lane  
Address

The Villages, FL 32162  
City, State & Zip

352-751-3401  
Daytime Telephone number

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

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

## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be **BANDS OF THE VILLAGES, INC.**

### **ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal street address and mailing address, if different, is:

Bands of The Villages, Inc.  
c/o Jean Butler  
3145 Hillside Lane  
The Villages, FL 32162

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### **ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

- a) To provide cultural benefits and musical entertainment to the community through concerts, festivals, parades, and other performances.
- b) To provide senior citizen musicians in the community the opportunity to enhance their cognitive skills through the benefits of playing a musical instrument in group performances.
- c) To provide instrumental musical support to other community performing groups.
- d) To raise funds through performances to support worthy charitable causes, particularly those involved in music and music education, senior health, and support of our country's military families.
- e) Other purposes determined appropriate from time to time by the Board of Representatives (Board) within the scope of IRS Code Section 501 (c) (3).

### **ARTICLE IV ACTIVITIES**

- a) None of the net earnings of this organization shall benefit, or be distributed to, its members, representatives, officers, or other private persons. The organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.
- b) The organization will not attempt to influence legislation (except as provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and will not participate in, or intervene in (including

the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

- c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, this organization shall not carry on any 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 (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **ARTICLE V MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

The process of nominating, voting, electing, and/or appointing candidates for the office of Representative (Director) to the Board of Representatives (Board) shall be the province and responsibility of the member groups in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws. This process will take place annually before the Annual Meeting of the General Membership, and the April meeting of the Board of Representatives. At the April meeting of the Board of Representatives, officers will be elected by secret ballot.

#### **ARTICLE VI INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

List name(s), address(es) and specific title(s):

Linda Miller, 3658 Auburndale Avenue, The Villages, FL, 32162 – Chairman

David L. Whalen, 1525 Blease Loop, The Villages, FL 32162 – Vice Chairman/Treasurer

Jan Symicek, 416 Carrera Drive, The Villages, FL 32162 – Secretary

Jean Butler, 3145 Hillside Lane, The Villages, FL 32162 – Music Director

Ward Green, 601 Hartley Place, The Villages, FL 32162 – Music Director

#### **ARTICLE VII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Jean Butler

3145 Hillside Lane

The Villages, FL 32162

**ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Jean Butler  
3145 Hillside Lane  
The Villages, FL 32162

**ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION**

- a. Should circumstances advocate that BOTV be dissolved, the Board must vote to direct the Chairman to call a special meeting of the Membership for the purpose of so voting. A seventy-five percent (75%) majority of members voting in favor of dissolution in such meeting will cause BOTV to be dissolved.
- b. Unencumbered BOTV assets remaining at the time of dissolution shall be donated to The Villages Charter Schools Music Departments.

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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.***

Jean E. Butler  
Jean Butler, Registered Agent

10/18/10  
Date

Jean E. Butler  
Jean Butler, Incorporator

10/18/10  
Date

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