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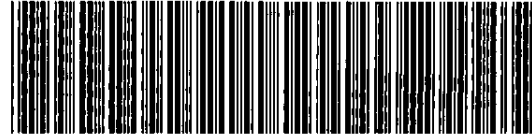
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Southwest Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Ocala, Florida, Inc.,  
Articles of Incorporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation of Southwest Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Ocala, Florida, Inc., along with a check payable to Department of State in the amount of \$78.75, which represents the fees to file the Articles and the Designation and Acceptance of the Registered Agent and for obtaining a certified copy of the Articles.

Should you have any question in regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
I remain,

Very truly yours,



Robert A. Stermer

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SOUTHWEST CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, OCALA, FLORIDA  
INC.  
A  
NON PROFIT CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name.** The name of the corporation shall be Southwest Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Ocala, Florida, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**Address of Principal Office.** The address of the principal office of the corporation shall be:

6017 SW 107<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ocala, FL 34476

**ARTICLE III**

**Purposes.** This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. More specifically, the purposes for which the Corporation is formed are religious and specifically (1) to provide and maintain a proper place of worship for the benefit of Jehovah's Witnesses in and around the State of Florida and those who desire to attend such worship conducted by Jehovah's Witnesses in order to learn the truths of the faith and beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses, which are based upon the Bible, the written word of Almighty God, Jehovah; and (2) to acquire by gift, legacy, bequest, purchase, or lease; hold and manage; and/or mortgage, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of real estate and personal property in any lawful manner that may seem proper and best to provide and maintain such place of worship.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Election of Directors.** The method of election of Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the corporation.

**ARTICLE V**

**Initial Registered Office and Agent.** The corporation's initial registered office of this corporation at that address shall be: 6017 SW 107th Street, Ocala, FL 34476, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address shall be: Timothy Richardson.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Name and Address of Incorporator.** The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Timothy Richardson  
6017 SW 107<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ocala, FL 34476

## **ARTICLE VII**

A. The number of directors shall be three. The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

Timothy Richardson, President  
6017 SW 107<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, FL 34476

Warren Fernandez, Secretary  
4077 SW 51<sup>st</sup> Road, Ocala, FL 34474

Robenson Direny, Treasurer  
3652 SW 133<sup>rd</sup> Loop, Ocala, FL 34473

B. Directors' qualifications, the manner of electing directors, and other matters pertaining to directors shall be as provided in the bylaws.

C. To the extent permitted by law, no director, officer, or member of the Corporation shall be personally liable for any debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**Distribution of Assets.** Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, after paying or adequately providing for debts and obligations of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. No assets will be deemed to be received by Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., until such acceptance is evidenced in writing. If Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., is not then in existence and exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code), then said assets shall be distributed to any organization designated by the ecclesiastical Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses that is organized and operated for religious purposes and is a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding section of any future United States tax code).

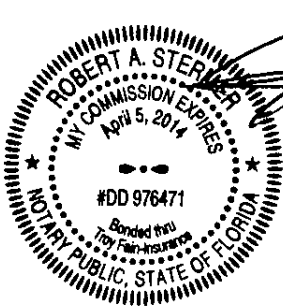
## **ARTICLE IX**

**Tax Provisions.** The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, and no part of the net earnings or assets of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of a director, officer, or member of the Corporation or any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this Corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. This Corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States tax code) or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code).

  
Timothy Richardson, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MARION

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, by Timothy Richardson, who is ☒ personally known to me or ☐ has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did/did not take an oath.



  
Notary Public: Robert A. Stermer

**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been designated as the Registered Agent for Southwest Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Ocala, Florida, Inc., I am familiar with the obligations, hereby accept the position and agree to act as the Registered Agent of said corporation.

Dated 5-9, 2011

  
Timothy Richardson

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