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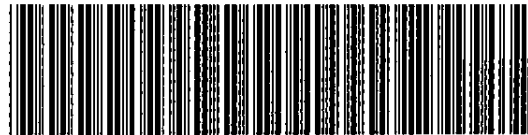
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SUBJECT: Exceeding Joy International Church, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Rev. Christopher G.C. Ramsey
Name (Printed or typed)

242 Pine Shadow Lane
Address

Auburndale FL 33823
City, State & Zip

863-232-9105
Daytime Telephone number

rev.ramsey@yahoo.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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**THE ARTICLE OF INCORPORATION
OF EXCEEDING JOY INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA**

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate themselves together to form a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of Florida.

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be "Exceeding Joy International Church, Inc."

Article II. Principal Office

The principal address for this organization shall be:

210 Cypress Garden Blvd
Winter Haven FL, 33880

The principal mailing address for this organization shall be:

P.O. BOX 3643
Winter Haven, FL 33885

Article III. Purpose

- A. This corporation (hereafter sometimes referred to as "The Church") is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax codes.
- B. The purpose of The Church shall be to serve as a general Christian assembly in support of the mission and vision of Exceeding Joy International Church, Inc.
- C. The Church shall also promote the Christian faith, educate people through biblical teaching, conduct Christian worship gatherings, care for and meet the needs of people within and outside the congregation, and proclaim the message of the gospel throughout the world.
- D. Moreover, The Church shall support the teachings, doctrines, ordinances and government of Exceeding Joy International Church, Inc. pursuant to the guidelines as set forth within its bylaws.

Article IV. Limitations

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

- A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as of 2011, and 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;
- B. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation 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
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation 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 as of 2011, and as now enacted or hereafter amended.
- D. The corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or director of this corporation [unless such loan program is regularly conducted as part of the activities of the organization and the qualification of the individual to participate in same is determined by a panel comprised solely of non-Board members], or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this corporation.

Article V. Initial Directors

The initial Board of directors (hereafter called Board of Governors) of this corporation shall be comprised of the officers appointed by the Founder (Incorporator) of Exceeding Joy International Church, Inc. They shall serve for a perpetual period of time until their successors are duly elected and qualified, to serve as trustees of this organization according to The Church bylaws.

Article VI. Officers

- A. The officers of the corporation shall be the Chief Executive Officer, President, Vice President, Secretary Director, Treasury Director and Associate Director, serving as the Board of Governors.
- B. The names and addresses of the initial officers of the organization, who shall serve as trustees until their successors in office are duly elected and qualified, are:

Chief Executive Officer

Rev. Christopher G.C. Ramsey
242 Pine Shadow Lane
Auburndale FL 33823

Treasury Director

Elder Theodore T. Hall
6658 Hatcher Rd.
Lakeland FL 33811

President Exec. Director

Rev. Christopher G.C. Ramsey
242 Pine Shadow Lane
Auburndale FL 33823

Secretary Director

Daniel Dedmon
412 Goodall Ave.
Daytona Beach FL 32118

- C. Following the incorporation, successors to The Board of Governors and its officers shall be elected in accordance with the bylaws of Exceeding Joy International Church, Inc.

Article VII. Registered Agent

The name and address of the registered agent of this corporation is:

Rev. Christopher G.C. Ramsey
242 Pine Shadow Lane, Auburndale FL, 33823

Article VIII. Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

Rev. Christopher G.C. Ramsey
242 Pine Shadow Lane, Auburndale FL, 33823

Article IX. Affiliation

This organization, while maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs, shall voluntarily enter into fellowship with other Churches or Associations of precious like Christian faith, consistent with the core values and fundamental beliefs The Church, as set forth herein.

Article X. Qualifications for Membership

The membership of Exceeding Joy International Church, Inc. shall be composed of Christians who have accepted the teachings, doctrines, ordinances, and government of The Church, and who have been formally received into its fellowship pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Governors.

Article XI. Tenets of Faith

- A. We believe there is one true God eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 1:18, Luke 3:22, John 10:30*)
- B. We believe God is the creator of all things both in heaven and earth, and that mankind was created in His image. (*Genesis 1:1-27*)
- C. We believe Jesus Christ is the son of God, who is our savior and the only means of salvation and eternal life. (*John 3:16, John 11:25-26*)
- D. We believe we are all sinners saved by the grace of God and the atoning work of Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-4, Romans 5:10-11*)
- E. We believe in the sovereignty of God, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the works of the Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:26, Mark 16:6, John 14:26-27*)
- F. We believe that by the Holy Spirit we are "born again" and by faith in Jesus Christ we have "newness of life." (*John 3:3, Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17*)
- G. We believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit gives believers the power to serve God through Christ and to perform miracles. (*Acts 1:8, Luke 9:1, Mark 6:7*)
- H. We believe in divine healing through Jesus Christ who "took our infirmity and bare our sicknesses." (*Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24*)
- I. We believe Christ is the head of the church and the church is His body. (*Ephesians 5: 23, 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14*)
- J. We believe in the "blessed hope," and second coming of Jesus Christ, and the rapture of the church upon His return. (*John 14:2-3, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*)

Article XII. Human Sexuality

- A. The Church, according to the teaching of the Holy Bible, believes that no intimate sexual activity should be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- B. The Church, according to the teachings of the Holy Bible, does not support any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography or any other sinful perversions of God's gift of sex.
- C. The Church, according to the teachings of the Holy Bible, disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance.
- D. The Church, according to the teachings of the Holy Bible, accepts that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman.

Article XIII. Sanctity of Human Life

- A. The Church, according to the teachings of the Holy Bible, believes that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being.
- B. The Church, according to the teachings of the Holy Bible, believes that abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life and therefore affirms its position to uphold and preserve the sanctity of all human life.

Article XIV. Amendments

- A. The Articles of Incorporation of this organization may be modified, altered, or amended by two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Board of Governors at an annual or special meeting. As soon as the proposed amendments have been adopted as provided, results of the vote shall be announced and declared adopted by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, whereupon such amendments shall be in full effect.
- B. The Chief Executive Officer (hereafter referred to as the Founding Pastor) of Exceeding Joy International Church, Inc. may veto or overrule, any proposed amendment at any annual or special meeting.

Article XV. Meetings

- A. An annual meeting of Board of Governors shall be held once a year. The meeting locations, dates and time will be under the discretion of the Board of Governors.

- B. The President shall preside over all annual and special meetings of the Board of Governors. And any meeting held without the presence of the President is considered null and void unless the seat of the President is vacant pursuant to The Church bylaws.
- C. Special Meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or the President as they in their discretion deem necessary. Notices for the calling of such special meetings shall be given to all members of the Board of Governors in writing, and the receipt of such notice verified.

Article XVI. Dissolution

Upon dissolution 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 religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as of 2011, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax codes.

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

Rev. Christopher G.C. Ramsey
Required Signature of Registered Agent

7/20/11
Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Rev. Christopher G.C. Ramsey
Required Signature of Incorporator

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