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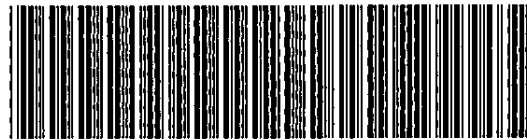
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August 11, 2011

RONALD SMITH
13400 NW 140TH ST #1502
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SUBJECT: BHAKTIVEDANTA GAUDIYA INSTITUTE OF ALACHUA, INC.
Ref. Number: W11000042066

We have received your document for BHAKTIVEDANTA GAUDIYA INSTITUTE OF ALACHUA, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$52.50. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

There is a balance due of \$17.50.

You failed to make the correction(s) requested in our previous letter.

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6962.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

BHAKTIVEDANTA GAUDIYA INSTITUTE OF ALACHUA, INC.

The undersigned incorporator is an individual 18 years of age or older and adopts the following articles of incorporation to form a nonprofit corporation.

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ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this corporation shall be BHAKTIVEDANTA GAUDIYA INSTITUTE OF ALACHUA, INC.

ARTICLE II — PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

The address of the principal office of BHAKTIVEDANTA GAUDIYA INSTITUTE OF ALACHUA, INC. in Florida is needs to be a street address. The mailing address of the corporation is can be the same or a PO Box.

Street Address: 15284 NW Highway 441
Alachua, FL 32615

Mailing Address: PO BOX 2608
Alachua, FL 32616

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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.

The purpose of this corporation is to operate exclusively for spiritual, material, charitable, and educational purposes including, but not limited, to educate others in Vedic culture including ancient traditional and modern practical aspects, to propagate the sankirtan movement (congregational chanting of the holy name of God) as an effective means of God Realization, to reveal the study of Vedic scriptures, and to facilitate and hold services related to the practice of "Bhakti Yoga" (also understood as a dominant form of "Hinduism").

ARTICLE IV — EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

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 the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
2. 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.
3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax

code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

4. The corporation will not issue capital stock.

ARTICLE V — MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The voting membership of this corporation shall consist of only the members of the Board of Directors. A general membership that includes individuals other than the Board of Directors may exist, but it will serve only in an advisory capacity and have no voting rights. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the 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:

Name and Address of Director 1: Ronald Smith 13400 NW 140TH ST #1502 Alachua, FL 32615
Name and Address of Director 2: Wendie Smith 13400 NW 140TH ST #1502 Alachua, FL 32615
Name and Address of Director 3: Gary Davidson P.O. Box 2243 Alachua, FL 32616

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

ARTICLE VI — 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 VII - DURATION/DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets of the corporation, after paying all indebtedness, shall be distributed in such manner as the corporation may direct to one or more entities organized and operated for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII – INCORPORATOR AND REGISTERED AGENT SIGNATURE

In witness whereof, the undersigned, has hereunto subscribed his name for the purpose of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of Florida and certify that these Articles of Incorporation have been executed on 8/1/2011 (date).

Ronald Smith
Name of Initial Registered Agent and Incorporator

13400 NW 140TH ST #1502 Alachua, FL 32615
Address of Initial Registered Agent (CANNOT BE A PO BOX)

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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

Gonard Smith

Required Signature/Registered Agent

8/19/11

Date

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

Gonard Smith

Required Signature/Incorporator

8/19/11

Date