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February 6, 2012

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

Re:

Central Ocala Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.

Articles of Incorporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Central Ocala Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc., along with a check payable to Department of State in the amount of \$70.00, which represents the fees to file the Articles and the Designation and Acceptance of the Registered Agent.

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 CENTRAL OCALA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC. A NON PROFIT CORPORATION FALED. 12 FEB -9 AM II: 06 SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAMASSEE, PLORINA

ARTICLE I

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

ARTICLE II

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

4957 NW 32nd Street Ocala, FL 34482

ARTICLE III

<u>Purposes</u>. 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: 4957 NW 32nd Street, Ocala, FL 34482, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address shall be: Madison Dukes.

ARTICLE VI

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

Madison Dukes 4957 NW 32nd Street Ocala, FL 34482

ARTICLE VII

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

Madison Dukes, Director/President 4957 NW 32rd Street, Ocala, FL 34482

Kenneth M. Alford, Director/Secretary 2701 NW 5th Avenue, Ocala, FL-34475

Promise G. Toby, Sr., Director/Treasurer 2711 SE 15th Street, Ocala, FL 34471

James J. Connolly, Director 2312 SE 33rd Place, Ocala, FL 34471

John L. Johnson, Director 1421 NW 18th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475

Michael Sobieski, Director 3163 NE Ft. King Street, Ocala, FL 34470

- 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

<u>Distribution of Assets.</u> 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., until such acceptance is evidenced in writing. If 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

<u>Tax Provisions.</u> 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).

STATE OF FLORIDA **COUNTY OF MARION**

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on the 3rd day of February, 2012, by Madison Dukes, who has produced a Florida driver's license 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. Tadison Rukes

Dated: February 3, 2012

Madison Dukes