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June 20, 2012

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Subject: HOPE NOW SERVICES, INC.

Enclosed are an original and two (2) copies of the THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION for HOPE NOW SERVICES INC. and a check for: \$78.75 for the FILING FEE and CERTIFICATE OF STATUS.

FROM:

Dr. Joseph M. Cox
Executive Director
HOPE NOW SERVICES, INC.
1255 Gunn Highway
Bartow. Florida 33831
(863) 221-7228 (daytime phone number)

E-MAIL Address jcox@hopenowfl.org

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HOPE NOW SERVICES INC.**

The undersigned, being of legal age and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a not for profit corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida they hereby agree and certify as follows:

**ARTICLE I
Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation shall be **Hope Now Services Inc.**

**ARTICLE II
Commencement of Corporation Existence**

This Corporation shall commence corporate existence on the filing of these Articles of Incorporation and shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law

**ARTICLE III
Principal Office**

The principal office of the Corporation is located at 1255 Gunn Highway, Bartow, FL 33831.

**ARTICLE IV
Mailing Address**

The mailing address of the Corporation is P.O. Box 2729, Bartow, FL 33831.

**ARTICLE V
Board of Directors**

The method of selection of the Board of Directors and number of directors shall be stated in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI
Purpose and General Powers**

This Corporation is formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The Corporation shall have all of the powers enumerated in the Florida Not for Profit statutes and all other powers that are permitted by applicable law, including without limitation and by illustration the following:

- 1) The Corporation shall do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining service, programs, projects, and actives that benefit current prison inmates or ex- inmates or the families of current prison inmates or ex-inmates.
- 2) The Corporation shall do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining services, program, projects

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and activities that benefit all members of the community .

- 3) The activities, programs and projects, will be operated directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as Corporations, firms, association, institution, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- 4) To do any and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objects of the Corporation; to engage in any lawful business or activity related thereto; and to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code
- 5) All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively charitable and educational purposes in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

As a means of accomplishing the above purposes the Corporation shall have the following powers:

- a. To accept, acquire, receive, take and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, transfer judicial order or decree; or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal, of whatever kind, nature of description and wherever situated.
- b. To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease transfer or otherwise dispose of any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the Corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law.
- c. To borrow money and from time-to-time, to make; accept; endorse; execute and issue bonds; debentures; promissory notes; moneys borrowed or in payment for secure payment of any such obligations by mortgage; pledge; deed; indenture; agreement; or other instrument of trust, or by any other lien upon assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights, or privileges of the Corporation wherever situated, whether now owned or hereafter to be acquired.
- d. To invest and reinvest its funds in stock, common or preferred; bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property, real and personal; as it shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest; devise; grant or gift, provided such limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provisions of the 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue of 1986, and applicable regulations thereunder, as they now exist or as they may be amended

ARTICLE VII

Membership

The members of this not for profit corporation, if any, shall be qualified and admitted as set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation.

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ARTICLE VIII
Initial Registered Office and Agent

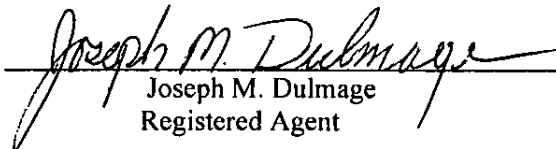
The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be located at 476 Goldenrod Circle North, Auburndale, FL 33823

The initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be Joseph M. Dulmage.

The Corporation may change its registered agent or the location of its registered office, or both, from time to time without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

Acceptance of Appointment of Registered Agent
For
Hope Now Services, Inc.

Having been named as registered agent, and accepting service of process of the above named Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position.



Joseph M. Dulmage
Registered Agent

6/20/12
Date

ARTICLE IX
Incorporators

The name and address of the persons signing these Articles as incorporators is:

Joseph M. Cox, D.Min
Post Office Box 2729
Bartow, FL 33831-2729

Marcus H. Stern M. A.
Post Office Box 2251
Lakeland, FL 33806-2251

ARTICLE X
Bylaws

Except as otherwise provided by law, the power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI
Indemnification

In addition to any rights and duties under applicable law, the Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless all its directors, employees and agents, and former directors, officers, employees and agents from and against all liabilities and obligations, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any actions taken or failed to be taken by said directors, officers, employees and agents in their capacity as such except for willful misconduct or gross negligence.

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ARTICLE XII
Amendment

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by a majority of the directors in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII
Headings and Captions

The headings or captions of these various Articles are inserted for convenience and none of them shall have any force or effect, and the interpretation of the various Articles shall not be influenced by any of said headings or captions.

ARTICLE XIV
Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objects and purpose herein set forth, all of the business; property and assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit Corporation qualifying as an exempt organization under the provisions of Sections of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any superseding statute thereof, as the Directors of the Corporation may select and designate; and in no event shall assets of said property, in the event of dissolution thereof go or be distributed or contributed by such directors, for any such purpose. Any of such assets not disposed of shall be disposed by the District Court of the County in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

ARTICLE XV
Management of Corporate Affairs

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors, which shall have three (3) Directors initially. This Corporation may adopt an advisory board who shall have no voting privileges or liability, but shall exist for the sole purpose of providing advice for the benefit of this Corporation. All members and nonmembers shall be indemnified against actions arising out of judicial proceeding against this organization. The Corporation reserves the right to retain any legal accounting and professional services to insure accountability and integrity in its business affairs.

ARTICLE XVI
Miscellaneous

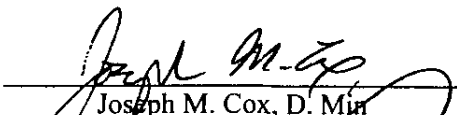
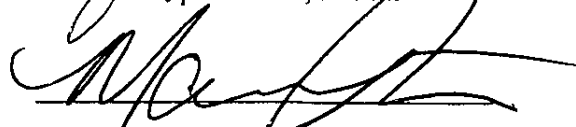
Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles to the contrary herein, in the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation:

- a. The Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly in any activity that would invalidate its status:
 1. As a Corporation which is exempt from income taxation, as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law); or

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2. As a Corporation, whose 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 Internal Revenue law).
- b. The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational and charitable purposes, and not a part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure the benefit of or be distributed to its members, directors, officers or other private persons; except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered pertinent to it and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles.
- c. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislature; nor shall it in any manner or to any extent, participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the Corporation engage in activities that are unlawful under applicable federal, state or local laws.
- d. The Corporation shall not:
 1. Operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business profit;
 2. Accumulate income, invest income, or divert income in a manner endangering its exempt status; or except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity, or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.
- e. The Corporation's operations are to be conducted principally in the United States of America; the Corporation may conduct operations in foreign countries, subject however, to the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporators herein before named, for the purpose of forming a not for profit Corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida to do business both within and without the State of Florida, hereby make and file these Articles of Incorporation declaring and certifying that the facts stated herein are true, and hereby subscribe thereto and hereunto set their hand and seal this 20th day of June, 2012


Joseph M. Cox, D. Min

Marcus H. Stern, M. A.

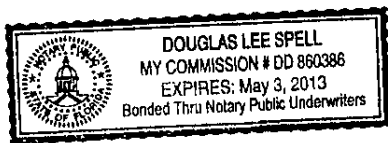
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STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss:

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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared Joseph M. Cox and Marcus H. Stern, known to me to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and they acknowledged before me that they executed these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, in the State and County aforesaid, this 20th day of June, 2012.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. D. Lee Spell', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. D. Lee Spell
My Commission Expires:

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