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

SUBJECT: Backpack Blessings, 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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<sub>FROM:</sub> Charles S. Isler, III

Name (Printed or typed)

P.O. Box 430

Address

Panama City, Florida 32402

City, State & Zip

850-769-5532

Daytime Telephone number

ray@backpackblessingspcb.org

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BACKPACK BLESSINGS, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Notfor-Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, makes and adopts the following articles of incorporation:

#### Article 1. Name

The name of the corporation is as follows: Backpack Blessings, Inc.

### Article 2. Address

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is: 151 Grand Heron Drive, City of Panama City Beach, Bay County, State of Florida.

# Article 3. Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 151 Grand Heron Drive, City of Panama City Beach, Bay, State of Florida. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is: Ray R. Williams, III.

# Article 4. No Members

The corporation shall not have members, and shall not issue membership certificates. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

#### Article 5. Not-for-Profit

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3) (referred to below as "code"). If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation, and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3).

#### Article 6. Duration

The duration (term) of the corporation is perpetual.

# Article 7. Purposes

The corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, including but not limited to provide food and personal hygiene items for hungry and homeless children.

#### Article 8. Powers

Solely for the above purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

A. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on non-profit corporations, including but not limited to those set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and the following powers: to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, grant, donation, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of the property and the income, principal and proceeds of the property.

B. To engage in and transact any other lawful activity, solely in furtherance of the above purposes, for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and any successor or amendment to the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.

C. To do any other things as are incidental to the powers of the corporation, or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

#### Article 9. Immunity Status

It is intended that the corporation shall qualify as a cultural or educational institution within the United States under 22 U.S.C.A. § 2459 ("Immunity from seizure under judicial process of cultural objects imported for temporary exhibition or display"). This qualification shall not interfere with the corporation's tax-exempt status.

#### Article 10. Limitation

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable to its members (if the corporation ever has any), directors or officers. However, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the pur-

poses set forth in Article 7 (Purposes) of these Articles.

# Article 11. Tax-Exempt Status

It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(a) as an organization described in 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3), and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 U.S.C.A. § 509. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3). All references in these articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

#### Article 12. Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes in such manner and to such qualified organization or organizations as the board of directors shall determine. Any of the assets not so distributed shall be distributed in accordance with the direction of any court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the above purposes of the corporation or to a qualified organization or organizations as the court shall determine. For purposes of this article, an organization is a "qualified organization" only if, at the time of receiving the assets, it is operated exclusively for the purposes described in 26 U.S.C.A. § 170(c)(1) or 26 U.S.C.A. § 170(c)(2)(B) and is described in 26 U.S.C.A. § 509(a)(1), (2) or (3).

# Article 13. Board of Directors

There shall be a board of directors consisting of at least three individuals. The initial directors are elected by the incorporators. After that, each director shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors in the manner, and at the times, set forth in the bylaws. Any director may be removed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors.

#### ARTICLE 14. Officers

The officers of the corporation may consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and any other officers and assistant officers as may be provided for in the bylaws or by resolution of the board of directors. Each officer shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors (and may be removed by majority vote of the board of directors) at such a time, and in such a manner, as may be prescribed by the bylaws or by law.

# Article 15. Incorporators

The name and street address of each incorporator is as follows: Ray R. Williams, III, 151 Grand Heron Drive, Panama City, Bay County, Florida.

# Article 16. Bylaws

The bylaws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the board of directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the board of directors.

### Article 17. Amendment

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation or any amendment to them.

# Article 18. Indemnification and Civil Liability Immunity

The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

# Article 19. Commencement of Corporate Existence

The date when corporate existence shall commence is [date of commencement].

In, witness, the undersigned incorporator has signed these articles of incorporation on [date of execution].

Ray R. Williams, III

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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	Panama City Beach, Florida 32407	<u></u>	
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ARTICLE IV	MANNER OF ELECTION The man	er in which the directors are elected and	d appointed:
ARTICLE V	INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRE	<u>CTORS</u>	
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