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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA GWI HOUSING XVII, INC.

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA GWI HOUSING XVII, INC.** (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation").

ARTICLE II DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless it shall hereafter be dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial principal office of this corporation is 5100 Tice Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33905; the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation is JOSEPH A. DIVITO, ESQ; and the address of the registered agent is DIVITO & HIGHAM, P.A., 4514 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

ARTICLE IV PURPOSE

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed, and the business and objectives to be carried of and promoted by it, are as follows:

- (A) This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and/or educational purposes, including, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law, for the time being exclusively for a public purpose. In pursuance of the foregoing, the Corporation's purpose is to foster, construct and operate a low-income housing facility located in the City of Moore Haven, Florida under the HUD HOME Program, or other government funding programs, upon the provision, maintenance, and operation thereof on a nonprofit basis.
- (B) 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 the Corporations shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in

opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision 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 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law, or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law.

ARTICLE V POWERS

The Corporation is empowered:

- (A) To buy, own, sell, convey, assign, mortgage or lease any interest in real estate and personal property, and to construct, maintain and operate improvements thereon necessary or incident to the accomplishment of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.
- (B) To borrow money and issue evidence of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the objects of its business, and to secure the same by mortgage, land use restrictions, pledge, or other lien on the Corporation's property.
- (C) To do and perform all acts reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation, and of such other instruments and undertakings as may be necessary to enable the Corporation to secure the benefits of low income housing.
- (D) In the event of dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, or other liquidation of its assets, all of the remaining assets of the Corporation shall be distributed only to one or more organizations created and operated for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Article IV(A) hereof, other than for religious purposes, all of the foregoing within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal 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 purposes.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERS

Membership in the Corporation shall, at all times, be limited to individuals who are the Members of GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., or such other individuals as elected by the Membership for a perpetual term or such term as the Board may determine. In the event that a member ceases to be a Member of GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., then this shall constitute automatic resignation as a member of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen(15) in number who shall be elected by the members of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting. The names and post office addresses of the persons who shall serve as initial Directors until their successors are duly qualified, are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Daniel F. Adams	2180 W. First Street, Ste. 212 Fort Myers, FL 33901
William Barrett	7811 University Pointe Drive Ft. Myers, FL 33902
Sherri Denning	P.O. Box 1680 Labelle, FL
Jean Devereaux	1435 SE 34 th Street Cape Coral, FL 33904
Ray V. Pottorf	950 Aqua Lane Ft. Myers, FL 33919
Dale Schneider	7000 Barrancas Avenue Bokeelia, FL 33922
Michael Sullivan	15000 Old 41 Road Naples, FL 34110
Rick Evanchyk	5100 Tice Street Ft. Myers, FL 33905
Joseph Spielman	5100 Tice Street Ft. Myers, FL 33905

The officers of the Corporation as provided by the By-Laws of the Corporation shall be elected by the Directors of the Corporation in the manner therein set out, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The Secretary and Treasurer may be one and the same person. Directors shall serve without compensation.

The following officers will serve until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

OFFICER	<u>NAME</u>
President/Treasurer	JOSEPH SPIELMAN
Vice President/Secretary	DALE SCHNEIDER

ARTICLE VIII

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATORS

The names and street addresses of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as the Incorporators is:

Rick Evanchyk

5100 Tice Street Ft. Myers, FL 33905

ARTICLE IX BY-LAWS

By-laws of the Corporation may be adopted by the directors at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, so long as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles:

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS:

So long as a mortgage on the Corporation's property is held by Florida Housing Finance Corporation, these Articles of Incorporation may not be amended without the prior written approval of Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any Director at a regular of special business meeting of the Board of Directors at which a majority is present and must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at such meeting properly called and noticed as provided in the By-Laws. Amendment shall be approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Board of Directors present.

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ACCEPTANCE BY DESIGNATED REGISTERED AGENT

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA GWI HOUSING XVII, INC. having designated JOSEPH A. DIVITO, ESQ. as its Registered Agent and whose address is 4514 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, having been so named to accept service for the above-named corporation at the place above indicated, does hereby accept the designation as Registered Agent.

Dated this <u>27</u> day of <u>Tune</u>, 2014.

JOSEPH AZOVITO Registered Agent

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