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August 29, 2014

Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Lakeland District Chapter of the Sons of Allen, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:\$78.75 to defray the costs of filing fee and certified copy..

Sincerely yours

James W. Aaron

JWA/wa Enclosures:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE LAKELAND DISTRICT CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF ALLEN, INC.

A FLORIDA NON PROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE ONE NAME

The name of this corporation shall be; LAKELAND DISTRICT CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF ALLEN, INC., a non-profit corporation (hereinafter sometimes called the "CHAPTER").

ARTICLE TWO PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The CHAPTER'S street address of its principal office shall be 622 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Florida 33870 and its mailing address shall be Post Office Box 335 Sebring, Florida 33871.

ARTICLE THREE PURPOSE

The CHAPTER is organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes as permitted pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and in furtherance of the exempt purposes as described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or of corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws to wit: to lead men to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, to organize men into units and empower them to meet men's needs in such areas as Evangelism and Stewardship, to teach men the history, doctrine and polity of the African Methodist Episcopal Church with focus on the life, mission and ministry of our ancestral father, Richard Allen, to teach men to witness their faith in daily living, such as in the workplace, the community, and the home, to encourage men to engage in outreach and service as part of Christian servant hood, to seek resources and support for men as husbands and fathers, to empower men to serve as role models to young men and to develop youth ministries such as scouting ministries in local units and to encourage men to share in ecumenical relations.

The CHAPTER is not organized for pecuniary profit and shall have no power to declare dividends. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer, director or individual. The balance, if any, of all money received by the CHAPTER from its operations after payment in full of all operating expenses, debts and obligations of the CHAPTER of whatsoever kind and nature as they become due may be used to make advance payments on loans owed by the CHAPTER, or for some related

FILED SECRETARY OF STATE. JIVINAN OF CORPORATIONS purpose.

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 or statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the **CHAPTER** shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision(s) of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE FOUR POWERS

In order to promote the purpose of the CHAPTER, it may acquire property by gift, grant, purchase, devise or bequest; it may hold and dispose of such property as the corporation shall acquire from the pursuit of the aforementioned purpose, not for pecuniary gain.

ARTICLE FIVE TERMS OF EXISTENCE

This CHAPTER shall exist perpetually

ARTICLE SIX MANNER OF ELECTION

The affairs of the CHAPTER shall be managed by a Board of Directors and its policies executed by the CHAPTER'S officers. The number of Directors constituting the initial board of Directors shall be seven; thereafter the number and manner of election or appointment of Directors and their terms of office shall be as provided in the CHAPTER'S By-Laws adopted in accordance with the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The number of Directors shall not be less than five. The duly appointed District Coordinator shall serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. The officers of the CHAPTER shall be those delineated in the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The election of the CHAPTER'S officers and their terms of office shall be in the manner provided in the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE SEVEN INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the initial officers and Directors are:

Name and Title: Rev. Titus Gainous, Director, Coordinator

Address:

6208 Pine Lane Lakeland, FL 33813

Name and Title: James W. Aaron, Director, President Address: 622 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Sebring, FL 33870

Name and Title: Eddie Wilcher, Director, Vice President

Address:

16 S.W. 6th Street

Fort Meade, FL 33841

Name and Title: James Monroe, Director, Treasurer

Address:

3825 Hill-A-Dale Place Highland City, FL 33813.

Name and Title: Min. William Dickey, Jr., Director, Recording Secretary

Address:

415 Tulane Drive Avon Park, FL 33825

Name and Title: Alfred Nolton, Director, Corresponding Secretary

Address:

4353 Mercedes Street Sebring, FL 33872

Name and Title: James Edwards, Director

Address:

1546 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue

Wauchula, FL 33873

ARTICLE EIGHT REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the initial Registered Agent is:

Name: James W. Aaron

Address: 622 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Sebring, Florida 33870

ARTICLE NINE PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer or Director of the CHAPTER shall be personally liable for the

debts or obligations of the CHAPTER 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 the CHAPTER.

ARTICLE TEN DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the CHAPTER will be turned over to one or more organizations that are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose. In no event shall any of the assets or property, in the event of dissolution thereof, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum subscribed, donated, or contributed by such members or for any other purposes, provided that nothing herein shall prohibit the corporation from paying its just and lawful debts.

ARTICLE ELEVEN AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided in the CHAPTER'S By-Laws adopted in accordance with the *Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*.

ARTICLE TWELVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Name: James W. Aaron

Address: 622 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Sebring, FL 33870.

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any 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.

August <u>29</u>, 2014

CERTICICATE OF DESIGNATED REGISTERED AGENT

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 the duties of and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

James W. Aaron

August <u>29</u>, 2014

Date