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June 11, 2015

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

SUBJECT: OPEN ARMS NONDENOMINATIONAL FOOD PANTRY, INC.

Request to be granted 501(c)3 (Not for Profit) Status

Enclosed is the original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$87.50 (covering Filing Fee, Certified Copy and Certificate of Status).

SUBMITTED BY: <u>Jennifer A. Dunn</u>

2818 Chabett Avenue Lakeland, FL 33810

Day time telephone number: (863) 614-4051

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SIGNED:

Jennifer A. Dunn

DATE: <u>June 11, 2015</u>

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR OPEN ARMS NONDENOMINATIONAL FOOD PANTRY, INC.

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

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

Open Arms Nondenominational Food Pantry, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as OANFP)

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal Street Address

2818 Chabett Avenue Lakeland, FL 33810 Mailing address, if different

Same as Principal Address

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose of OANFP is to continue to provide nonperishable and perishable food packages to working poor, disabled, veterans, homeless, shut-in, stranded and other similar types of individuals, or groups of people who cannot obtain adequate quantities of nourishing food to sustain themselves and/or their families. ONAFP accomplishes this goal by obtaining large quantities of food from local food banks (Seed Sowers), wholesale commercial sources (Publix, Sam's Club, BJs, GFS, Walmart and the like) and/or local farm stands and portioning food in packages. Food is examined, sorted and portioned at OANFP and placed in containers such as bags, boxes or totes. Food is portioned to provide protein, carbohydrate, essential nutrients and fluids in each package. Portions are calculated to provide basic nutrients and sustenance for at least one week. OANFP has been providing this service in collaboration with local shelters, churches, VFWs, other food pantries and similar groups for more than 12 years. Recent changes in regulations require OANFP to incorporate and become a 5 nonprofit/not for profit corporation to continue to collaborate and serve the cammunity in this manner. Ξ_{α}

Preparing packages of food is overseen by Jennifer A. Dunn, Chief Operating Officer of OANFP, who is assisted by four members of the Dunn Family and local volunteers, who participate, on call.

OANFP operates mainly in the Lakeland, FL area of Polk County.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

There are five appointed Directors to the Board of Directors of OANFP. Directors were initially contacted by Edward J. Dunn, Chief Executive Officer and/or Jennifer A. Dunn, Chief Operating Officer, co-founders of OANFP and asked to volunteer. The term of initial volunteer appointment will be one year. After one year, the OANFP Board of Directors (BOD) shall convene a meeting in which all Directors who wish to continue to

serve OANFP will be placed on a secret ballot. If a Director does not wish to serve further on the OANFP BOD, they may verbally or in writing resign from the BOD. If a Director resigns, any member of the remaining BOD can nominate a replacement Director. The secret ballot (containing the names of Directors standing for reappointment and any replacement Directors) will then be voted upon by the BOD. Directors must receive a majority of the votes to be not reappointed.

The OANFP BOD shall conduct all business at meetings scheduled at least 30 days in advance which will be preceded by electronic or hard copy distribution of the agenda and written information on issues requiring action by the BOD. The BOD shall meet at least once per year, on or about the date of incorporation of OANFP. At the scheduled meeting all Board Members will participate and review, discuss and vote, where necessary, on minutes of the previous meeting, appointments to the BOD, operational issues of business, and such other matters that pertain to the mission of OANFP. Participation in the scheduled meeting may be accomplished by telephone communication for the convenience of individual BOD members. Meetings may be presided over by the Chief Operating Officer, and/or the Chief Executive Officer. The Secretary will record all activities of the BOD. Original copies of all documents will be maintained by the Chief Executive Officer at the Principal Business Address indicated in this document.

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Edward J. Dunn, Chief Executive Officer and Director 2818 Chabett Avenue Lakeland, FL 33810

Jennifer A. Dunn, Chief Operational Officer and Director 2818 Chabett Avenue Lakeland, FL 33810

Robert E. Hopkins, II, D.V.M., Secretary, Regulatory Compliance Officer and Director

4184 NW Oakbrook Circle Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Reverend Robert L. O'Quinn, Director 4044 K-ville Avenue Aburndale, FL 33825 Deanna Bolden, Director 110 Majestic Gardens Court Winter Haven FL 33880Diana

ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Jennifer A. Dunn, Chief Operating Officer Open Arms Nondenominational Food Pantry 2818 Chabett Avenue Lakeland, FL 33810

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and Florida street address of the incorporator is:

Edward J. Dunn, Chief Executive Officer Open Arms Nondenominational Food Pantry 2818 Chabett Avenue Lakeland, FL 33810

ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE

The date for incorporation for Open Arms Nondenominational Food Pantry is:

June 15, 2015

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

Required Signature

Jennifer Dunn, Chief Operating Officer and

Registered Agent

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