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COMMUNITY CARES OUTREACH, INC. P.O. BOX 177 HAVANA, FL 32333

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CARES OUTREACH, INC.

Ref. Number: W15000069955

We have received your document for COMMUNITY CARES OUTREACH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

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Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Tyrone Scott
Regulatory Specialist II
New Filings Section

Letter Number: 915A00022336

A Not-For-Profit Florida Corporation

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, under the NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT of the State of Florida statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of the Corporation is:

Community Cares Outreach - Gadsden, Inc.

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ARTICLE II - Corporate Nature

- (a) Community Cares Outreach Gadsden, Inc. (aka Community Cares) is a notfor-profit corporation, organized exclusively for general community charitable purposes pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 517 of the Florida Statues, the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act (the "Act").
- (b) Notwithstanding the nonprofit nature of the corporation as described in this article, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered and may reimburse its members for actual expense incurred for or on behalf of the corporation as permitted by Chapter 617, Florida Statues, as said Act may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE III – Principle Office

The location of the principle office is:

Street Address

Community Cares Outreach -Gadsden, Inc. 118 3rd Street, SW Havana, FL 32333

Mailing Address

Community Cares Outreach -Gadsden, Inc. P. O. Box 177 Havana, FL 32333

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ARTICLE IV – General and Specific Purpose

- (a) The primary purpose of Community Cares Outreach Gadsden, Inc., a Florida Domestic Nonprofit Corporation, is to provide assistance to indigent and lowincome residents of Gadsden County primarily in the form of food distributions, and clothing.
- (b) The corporation will further this purpose through collaboration with other private, public and community organizations to coordinate the acquisition, delivery and distribution of food and clothes items to feed and assist the targeted population of Gadsden County.
- (c) To make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the operation of the corporation and the use of its assets.
- (d) To operate exclusively in any other manner for such religious, charitable, and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or under any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations. All contributions to the corporation shall be charitable contributions to an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3).
- (e) The Corporation shall also be authorized to engage in and transact any and all lawful business within and without the State of Florida or the United States for which not for profit corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 617, Florida Statues, as amended and supplemented.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

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ARTICLE V – Initial Officers and Directors

- 1) <u>Kimsey Helms; President</u> 3059 Tallavana Trail Havana, FL 32333
- 2) <u>Berta Jean Kemp; Vice President</u> 129 Tyre Road Havana, FL 32333
- 3) <u>Kay M. Scherdin; Secretary</u> 707 Collins Road 1 Havana, FL 32333
- 4) <u>Laura Helms; Director</u> 3059 Tallavana Trail Havana, FL 32333

- 5) J. B. Jones; Director 188 Little Farm Road Havana, FL 32333
- 6) Barbara Leonard; Director 1738 Hillsgate Court Tallahassee, FL 32308
- 7) Jesse Sears; Director 112 My Street Havana, FL 32333
- 8) <u>Lavonia Talbot; Director</u> 593 Champion Oaks Circle Havana, FL 32333

ARTICLE VI - Manner of Election

The succeeding officers and directors of the Corporation shall be elected in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the bylaws for the Corporation.

<u> ARTICLE VII – Registered Agent</u>

The name and address of the registered agent is:

Name: <u>Lionel Leonard</u>

Street Address

1738 Hillsgate Court Tallahassee, FL 32308 Mailing Address
P O Box 12181
Tallahassee, FL 32317

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ARTICLE VIII – Earnings and Assets

- (a) No part of the net earnings of Community Cares Outreach Gadsden, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers or other private persons.
- (b) No substantial part of the activities of Community Cares Outreach Gadsden, Inc. shall be for the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. Community Cares Outreach Gadsden, Inc. shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (c) The Corporation shall be organized on a non-stock basis. Community Cares Outreach Gadsden, Inc. does not currently own any real property assets.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, Community Cares Outreach Gadsden, Inc. shall not carry on any other purpose not permitted to be carried on:
 - by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c)
 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or;
 - ii. by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Tax Code.

ARTICLE IX - Dissolution

- (a) The Corporation shall be perpetual. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purpose within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or a state or local government, for a public purpose.
- (b) Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Courts of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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.

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ARTICLE X – Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Name: <u>Lionel Leonard</u>

Street Address

1738 Hillsgate Court Tallahassee, FL 32308 **Mailing Address**

P O Box 12181 Tallahassee, FL 32317

ARTICLE XI – Date of Incorporation

The effective date of incorporation is: October 21, 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 of Registered Agent

10/21/20/5 Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein as 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.

Required Signature of Incorporator

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These Articles of Incorporation for Community Cares Outreach - Gadsden, Inc. were Approved and Adopted by <u>unanimous</u> vote of the Board of Directors on the <u>5th day of October 2015</u>.