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**FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION  
PENNIES FOR COMMUNITY PROGRESS OF LEE COUNTY,  
INC.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF**

**PENNIES FOR COMMUNITY PROGRESS OF LEE COUNTY, INC.**

The undersigned natural person, of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as Incorporator of a Corporation not-for-profit under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the Corporation:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is Pennies for Community Progress of Lee County, Inc.

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal place of business of the Corporation is:

School of Social Work  
Barry University  
12381 South Cleveland Avenue, Suite 502  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

The mailing address of the Corporation is:

P.O. Box 465  
Fort Myers FL 33902

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are to promote social welfare within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, but not limited to (i) ending systemic and structural poverty and violence, and improving the mental, physical and socioeconomic health of Lee County, Florida; (ii) developing and advocating for legislation, regulations and

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government programs to provide opportunities and adequate resources for all communities, including those traditionally neglected and underserved; (iii) developing effective prevention and intervention programs for youth, adults and families; and (iv) conducting research and community events concerning these issues.

The Corporation is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, directors or other private persons or any other individuals, except that this Corporation may make payments of reasonable compensation for services rendered, and payments for expenses incurred in furtherance of its purposes, as stated in these Articles of Incorporation. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office to the extent that would disqualify it from tax exemption under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on trade or business for profit.

Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax as described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provision or provisions of any future Federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE IV - DURATION

The period of the Corporation's duration shall be perpetual, or until such time as the Board of Directors adopts a resolution recommending that the corporation be dissolved pursuant to the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS

The manner in which Directors shall be elected or appointed shall be provided by the Bylaws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the

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persons who are to serve as Directors until their successors are elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Abdul 'haq Muhammed	105 Santa Lucia Drive, Fort Myers FL 33916
Bethany Quisenberry	910 Willard Avenue, Lehigh Acres FL 33972
Kathryn Kelly	The Heights Foundation, Inc., 15570 Hagie Drive Fort Myers FL 33908
Arol Buntzman	12747 Yacht Club Circle, Fort Myers FL 33919
Irene Kepler	c/o School of Social Work, Barry University, 12381 South Cleveland Avenue, Suite 502 Fort Myers, FL 33907
Dr. Israel Suarez	1745 Emerald Cove Circle, Cape Coral FL 33991
Dr. Fred Schaerf	14271 Metropolis Avenue, Fort myers FL 33912
Ed Kleinow	14821 Shrike Way, Fort Myers FL 33909
Louis Eason	5260 South Landings Drive, #904 Fort Myers FL 33919
James Brantley	2205 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33901
Michael Jung	c/o The News Press 2442 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Fort Myers FL 33902
Yemisi Oloruntola-Coates	12381 South Cleveland Avenue, Suite 502 Fort Myers, FL 33907

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Steve Sherman

5231-4 Cedar Bend Drive, Fort Myers FL 33919

Dr. Guido A. Minaya

2509 SE 26<sup>th</sup> Ave., Cape Coral FL 33904

William Glover

12902 Ivory Stone Loop, Fort Myers FL 33913

#### ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered agent of this Corporation is c/o Knott Ebelini Hart, 1625 Hendry Street, Third Floor, Fort Myers FL 33901, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Mark A. Ebelini.

#### ARTICLE VII - FUNDS AND ASSETS

The Corporation shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes stated in these Articles of Incorporation. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to, and only to, one or more charitable or social welfare organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, and no part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, amend or repeal the Bylaws of this Corporation. The Bylaws shall govern the operation of this Corporation unless any Bylaw conflicts with these Articles of Incorporation, in which case the Articles of Incorporation shall be controlling.

#### ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR

The names and address of the incorporator is:

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Mark A. Ebelini

c/o Knott Ebelini Hart  
1625 Hendry Street, Third Floor  
Fort Myers FL 33901

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator submits this document and affirms 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 in Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

Executed on this this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

  
Mark A. Ebelini, Incorporator

#### CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

I, the undersigned person, having been named as Registered Agent in the above Articles, and appointed to accept service of process for the Corporation at the place designated in these Articles, hereby accept the appointment as Registered Agent. I am familiar with the duties as Registered Agent, and agree to act in this capacity.

Dated:

5/24/2016

  
Mark A. Ebelini

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