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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
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**SUBJECT:** Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir of Jacksonville, Inc

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: Reekee R.Patel  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

2044 E Clovelly Ln  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

St Augustine, FL 32092  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

904-315-5763  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

Patelre90@yahoo.com  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**FOR**  
**SHREE UMIYA MATAJI MANDIR OF JACKSONVILLE, INC.**

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**THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR**, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I**

Corporate Name and Principal Office

The name of the corporation shall be: Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir of Jacksonville, Inc. (the "Corporation"), and the mailing and street address of the Corporation's principal office shall be located at: 2044 E. Clovelly Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32092 and the name of the registered agent at that address is Reekee R. Patel

**ARTICLE II**

Nature of Business

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code ("the IRC" or "the Code"). The primary purposes of the Corporation shall be:

1. To establish a Hindu temple and cultural center for religious, social, educational and cultural activities for the use and benefit of the greater Jacksonville community;
2. To construct a temple or church to provide a facility where, and means by which, the Hindu religion, philosophy, and way of life can benefit the society at large;
3. To foster the teachings of Hindu scriptures and practices;
4. To promote social, cultural, religious and spiritual understanding of Hindu religious principles and practices;
5. To conduct educational programs for children and adults based on Hindu values and practices;
6. To promote friendship and goodwill among all people;

7. To provide humanitarian services to the greater Jacksonville community;

8. To support any other activity deemed appropriate for the benefit of society by the Board of Directors and permitted under the laws of the State of Florida and Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC.

The Corporation may receive and administer funds for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of the Code and, to that end, the Corporation shall be empowered to hold any property or undivided interest therein, without limitation as to amount or value; to dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal of the income in such manner as, in the judgment of the Directors, will best promote the purposes of the Corporation, without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the Corporation, or any applicable laws, to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Membership**

The Corporation may have a membership distinct from its Board of Directors. The authorized number and qualification of the Members, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of Members, if any, their liability for membership contributions, dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Term of Existence**

The Corporation shall exist perpetually.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Incorporator(s)**

The name and address of the undersigned incorporator is:

**NAME**

Reekee R. Patel

**ADDRESS**

2044 E. Clovelly Lane  
Jacksonville, Florida 32092

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Board of Directors**

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised, its assets controlled and affairs managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors and the manner of their election or appointment shall be as stated in the By-Laws. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following three (3) persons:

Reekee R. Patel	2044 E. Clovelly Lane Jacksonville, Florida 32092
Narendra Patel	4443 Carriage Oak Lane Orange Park, Florida 32065
Ruchin Patel	2935 Plum Orchard Drive Orange Park, Florida 32073

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **No Financial Benefit to Directors or Members**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Members, Directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be 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 (a) by a corporation that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC; or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the IRC.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively to one or more charitable, religious, scientific or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed

of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in 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 IX**

### **Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation**

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any member of the Corporation. The Articles may be amended at any annual meeting of the Corporation, or at any special meeting duly called and held for such purpose, on the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members existing at the time of and present at such meeting and with the consent of all Super Donor Members.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Amendments to By-Laws**

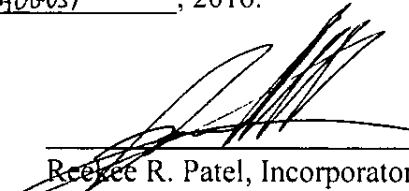
The Bylaws of the Corporation may be made, altered, or rescinded as set forth in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Indemnification**

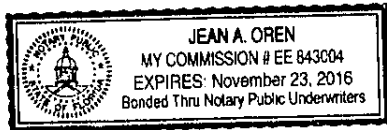
Every Director and officer of the Corporation and every member of the Corporation serving the Corporation at its request shall be indemnified by the Corporation for all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him or her in connection with any proceeding or any settlement of any proceeding to which he or she may be a party, or in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her being or having been a Director or officer of the Corporation, or by reason of his or her serving or having served the Corporation at its request, whether or not he or she is a Director or officer or is serving at the time the expenses or liabilities were incurred; provided, that in the event of a settlement before entry of judgment, and also when the person concerned is adjudged guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct, indemnification shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves the settlement and/or reimbursement as being in the interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any and all other rights to which that person may be entitled.

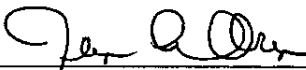
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 1 day of AUGUST, 2016.

  
Reekee R. Patel, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS

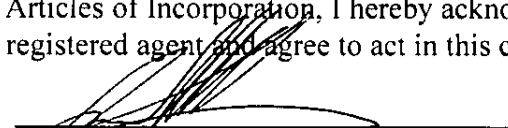
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was acknowledged before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016, by Reekee R. Patel, who ☒ is personally known to me or ☐ produced a current driver's license(s) as identification.



  
Notary Public

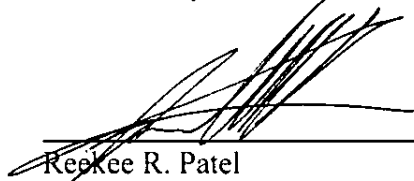
**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the foregoing corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby acknowledge I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
Reekee R. Patel

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir of Jacksonville, Inc., at the place designated in its Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

  
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Reekee R. Patel

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