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SUBJECT: THE BALARAM GROUP 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: CARL MINK CPA  
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240 NW 76th DRIVE, SUITE D  
Address

GAINESVILLE, FL 32607  
City, State & Zip

352-226-2972  
Daytime Telephone number

CARLMINK.CPA@OUTLOOK.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

## Article I Corporate Name

The name of the corporation shall be:

**THE BALARAM GROUP INC.**

## Article II Principal Office

The corporation's principal place of business and mailing address shall be

200 Hart Boulevard  
Staten Island, NY 10301

## Article III Organization and Purpose

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to 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.

### Specifically

To establish and maintain an independent brahminical ministry for the same purposes for which His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada began his worldwide preaching mission following in the footsteps of the previous acharyas; viz. to spread Lord Chaitanya's message that Love of Krishna or God is the highest aim of life and that chanting of God's Holy Names is the most effective method for reawakening that preternatural but forgotten experience of our eternal lives, and

To carry out this mission by all means possible, but with special emphasis on the following:

- Distribution to the public of the authentic and undisturbed spiritual wisdom found in the books and literatures received through the Gaudiya Vaishnava disciplic succession as translated with elaborate commentary and published by Srila Prabhupada. Book distribution is the method he stressed as especially effective and without defect;
- Distribution of *prasadam* (sanctified foodstuffs) according to the tenets and principles of Gaudiya Vaishnavism as delivered by Srila Prabhupada;
- Instruction of others in all the processes and methods of devotional service (bhakti-yoga) and especially in distributing Srila Prabhupada's books, *prasadam* and chanting the Holy Names of the Lord.

To do all other things necessary and proper in furtherance of the above stated purposes.

## Article IV Members

The corporation has no members. All rights which would otherwise vest in the members under law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Corporation shall vest in the Directors of the Corporation.

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**Article V Election of Directors**

Directors are elected at the time and place and by the process specified in the corporation's by-laws. A Director holds office as specified in the corporation's by-laws.

**Article VI Initial Directors**

Carl Franzen  
200 Hart Boulevard  
Staten Island, NY 10301

Mary Franzen  
200 Hart Boulevard  
Staten Island, NY 10301

Joan Hopke  
PO Box 2362  
Alachua, FL 32616

**Article VII Corporate Existence**

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

**Article VIII Limitations on Corporate Powers**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 exempt purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.

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 exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Article IX Dedication and Distribution of Assets**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. In the first instance, such assets shall be distributed to

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Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of 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 X Initial Registered Agent and Street Address**

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

Carl S. Mink CPA PA  
240 NW 76<sup>th</sup> Drive, Suite D  
Gainesville, FL 32607

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.


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carl Mink, for Carl S. Mink CPA PA

February 6, 2017  
Date

**Article XI Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Carl Mink  
240 NW 76<sup>th</sup> Drive, Suite D  
Gainesville, FL 32607

  
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Signature/Incorporator

February 6, 2017  
Date

**Article XII Effective Date**

The effective date of this incorporation shall be February 8, 2017.

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