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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

## NONPROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: From Dependency to Freedom, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal address:

1961 N E 164th St.

North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

From Dependency to Freedom, Inc. is a Non-Profit Community Outreach with a dedicated mission and purpose - impact the lives of alcohol and substance abuse user by providing a holistic recovery method from dependency to independency.

Our Motto: "We provides a recovery method to people in a drug dependent state of mind and body to a life long practice of being courageous Prosperous and generous people "

From Dependency to Freedom, Inc.'s purpose shall be to adhere to its nonprofit community based vision, goal and mission. The organization's mission involves the outreach activities including counseling, coaching, social work and housing. From Dependency to Freedom, Inc. mission is to provide programs and services that offer understanding, help, support and hope to those addicted to alcohol and/or drugs. Our goal involves being dedicated to serving our community; striving to lift up others by providing free services and guidance to the those dealing with drugs, alcohol and homeless. Our desire is to assist in making better people for our community so they can give back. From Dependency to Freedom, Inc.'s vision is to see economically disadvantages, homeless and addicted adults' lives change through spiritual guidance, counseling, mentoring, coaching, leadership & education, extracurricular activities and other social services.

From Dependency to Freedom, Inc. will engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### ARTICLE IV: MANNER OF APPOINTMENT

The manner in which the directors are appointed and responsibilities:

<u>Duties:</u> The Board of Directors has charge of all matters pertaining to the documents of legal organization and incorporation, risk management, and physical and financial affairs of the organization. The Board of Directors is also be responsible for collecting and disbursing funds, keeping adequate records, and making timely reports as required. The Board of Directors appoints committees or individuals to be responsible for all matters pertaining to the maintenance and usage, and subject to the approval of a organization meeting, the acquisition and disposal of all organization's real property. Board members shall be appointed by the Executive Director.

**Qualifications:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the Incorporators.

Meetings: The Board meets once every quarter on the second Tuesday of that month. In addition, the Board members are expected to participate in Board retreats, meetings and forums. Board members are encouraged to be active members, volunteers, and/or staff of the organization, participating in community based events and functions throughout the year.

<u>Terms:</u> The appointed Board of Directors' positions are staggered to minimize Board turnover. The Executive Director shall appoint or the Board of Directors, in Executive Directors absence, will appoint one director to serve for full Seven-year terms, one person to serve the remainder of a five-year term, and Executive Director will serve for thirty-five years term.

## ARTICLE V. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP

The corporation will has no members.

#### ARTICLE VI INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have the following directors initially. The number of directors shall be prescribed in the bylaws. The names and addresses of the directors who shall initially serve are as follows:

Desir, Alex

1961 N E 164th St.

North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

**Executive Director** 

Irene Velarezo

1961 N E 164th St.

North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

Veronica A. Garcia

1961 N E 164th St.

North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

Treasurer

Secretary

#### ARTICLE VII REGISTERED AGENT

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

Desir, Alex 1961 N E 164th St. North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

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

V/Lexir Date 5.31.17

#### ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator(s) is:

Desir, Alex 1961 N E 164th St. North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

#### ARTICLE VIIII TERM

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; the term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for spiritually based social services, outreach and treatment services purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

#### ARTICLE X. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall ever 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 2. 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 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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

#### ARTICLE XI BYLAWS

The first Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XII DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

## ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION

Upon the time of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, 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, or shall be distributed 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 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 XVI Conflicts of Interest

For purposes of this provision, the term "interest" shall include personal interest, interest as director, officer, member, stockholder, shareholder, partner, manager, trustee or beneficiary of any concern and having an immediate family member who holds such an interest in any concern. The term "concern" shall mean any corporation, association, trust, partnership, limited liability entity, firm, person or other entity other than the organization.

No director or officer of the organization shall be disqualified from holding any office in the organization by reason of any interest in any concern. A director or officer of the organization shall not be disqualified from dealing, either as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, or contracting or entering into any other transaction with the organization or with any entity of which the organization is an affiliate. No transaction of the organization shall be voidable by reason of the fact that any director or officer of the organization has an interest in the concern with which such transaction is entered into, provided:

- 1. The interest of such officer or director is fully disclosed to the board of directors.
- 2. Such transaction is duly approved by the board of directors not so interested or connected as being in the best interests of the organization.
- 3. Payments to the interested officer or director are reasonable and do not exceed fair market value.
- 4. No interested officer or director may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the meeting at which such transaction may be authorized.

The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, and rationale for approval.

#### ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner: Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them and approved at a Board of Director meeting for which due notice of the proposed amendment was given.

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

Signature

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