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UBJECT:	(PROPOSED CORP	ORATE NAME - <u>MUST IN</u>	CLUDE SUFFIX)
inclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the Ar $\square$ \$78.75	ticles of Incorporation and	a check for :  ■ \$87.50
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	Name (Printed or typed)
17151 Laurelin Co	urt
	Address
North Fort Myers,	FL 33917
	City, State & Zip
239-478-8571	
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eburnette@cultivat	teabundance.org
mail address: (to b	e used for future annual report notificati

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# Articles of Incorporation

of

# Cultivate Abundance, Inc.

A Nonprofit Corporation

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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#### Article I Name

The name of the corporation shall be Cultivate Abundance, Inc.

## Article II Principal Office

The principal street address is 17151 Laurelin Court, North Fort Myers, Florida 33917.

The principal mailing address is 17151 Laurelin Court, North Fort Myers, Florida 33917.

# Article III 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. The corporation is organized to address food insecurity and livelihood challenges in low income, transitional communities of Southwest Florida and beyond. The corporation shall be authorized to engage in business both inside and outside the state of Florida.

#### Article IV Manner of Election

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

#### Article V Initial Directors and or Officers

Ellen H. Burnette, Co-Director 17151 Laurelin Court North Fort Myers, FL 33917 Richard R. Burnette, Co-Director
 17151 Laurelin Court
 North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Rachel Gunter Shapard, Board Member 9430 Kells Road Jacksonville, FL 32257

Patrick R. Anderson, Board Member 100 Skiway Circle Banner Elk, NC 28604

Jeffrey G. DeYoe, Board Member 8920 Cypress Preserve Place Fort Myers, FL 33912

### Article VI Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is Ellen Burnette, 17151 Laurelin Court, North Fort Myers, FL 33917.

# Article VII Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is Ellen Burnette, 17151 Laurelin Court, North Fort Myers, FL 33917.

#### Article VIII Limitations

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 purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

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, this 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 of Assets

Upon the dissolution, termination, or winding up 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, 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.

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.

Eller H. Burnette July 25, 2017

Required Signature of Registered Agent

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Date

I submit this document and affirm 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 for in s.817.155, F.S.

Elle N. Burnott July 25, 2017

Required Signature of Incorporator

Date