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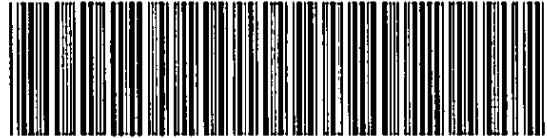
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**SUBJECT:** Hawthorne Area Resource Center, Inc

**(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:** William Ramsey, EA. J & S Accounting and Tax

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Name (Printed or typed)

P O Box 2310

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Hawthorne, FL 32640

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

352-481-2305

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

admin@jnstax.com

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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  
OF  
HAWTHORNE AREA RESOURCE CENTER, INC**

THE UNDERSIGNED, acting as the incorporator of the Hawthorne Area Resource Center, Inc., formed under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this corporation is: HAWTHORNE AREA RESOURCE CENTER, INC.

**ARTICLE II  
INITIAL PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The initial principal place of business is located at 21923 S.E. 67<sup>th</sup> Place, Hawthorne, FL 32640.

**ARTICLE III  
MAILING ADDRESS**

The mailing address of the corporation is 21923 S.E. 67<sup>th</sup> Place, Hawthorne, FL 32640.

**ARTICLE IV  
PURPOSES**

This Organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and other purposes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Furtherance of such purposes, the corporation shall be authorized:

- (a) To distribute goods, services and support to persons or organizations that qualify for assistance promote, support, and engage in activities carried on for charitable purposes, by the direct conduct of such activities.
- (b) To enhance and improve the quality of life for Citizens in the city of Hawthorne, Florida, and its surrounding areas.
- (c) To receive and maintain personal or real property, or both; and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, or scientific purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3).
- (d) To receive assistance, money (as dues or otherwise), real or personal property and any other form of contributions, gift, bequest, or devise from any person, firm, partnership, or corporation, to be utilized in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of

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this Corporation; to enter into agreements or contracts for contributions to the Corporation for its objects and purposes, provided however, that gifts shall be subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors as required by the bylaws.

(c) To establish an office and employ such assistance and clerical personnel as may be necessary and proper in the judgment of the Board of Directors, and pay reasonable compensation for the services of such persons.

(f) To utilize and to distribute, in the manner, form, and method, and by the means determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, any and all forms of contributions or other funds received by it in carrying out charitable and educational programs of the Corporation in the furtherance of its stated purposes. Money and real or personal property contributed to the Corporation in furtherance of these objects and purposes are and shall continue to be used exclusively for such purposes.

(g) To invest and reinvest funds in such securities and properties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

(h) To purchase, acquire, own, hold, guarantee, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, loan, or otherwise dispose of and deal in any bonds, securities, evidence of indebtedness, or other personal property, as well as to purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal in real estate; and, as the owner of any such real or personal property, to exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges of ownership.

(i) To contract and be contracted with, and to sue and be sued.

(j) To adopt and use a corporation seal.

(k) To do all acts and things requisite, necessary, proper and desirable to carry out and further the objects for which this Corporation is formed; and, in general, to have all the rights, privileges, and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits of the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations of this character, including but not limited to the powers described in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes, subject however to the requirements of IRC Section 501(c) (3) and to the other limitations provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

## **ARTICLE V ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

The Corporation shall have a minimum of three (3) directors who shall be approved annually, in accordance with the Bylaws. Board of Directors must be elected by a local congregation Charge Conference, a District Leadership Council or the Board of Directors of a District Corporation or by the Florida Annual Conference, or the Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference, or the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church and of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, as provided in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI DIRECTORS**

Subject to the powers reserved to the members in the bylaws of the Corporation, all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the

Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors.

The names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Wallace F. Russell, Director  
15007 SE 225<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Hawthorne, FL 32640

Richard Curtis, Director  
236 Bay St.  
Hawthorne, FL 32640

Sharon Surrency, Director  
11215 SE 223 Terrace  
Hawthorne, FL 32640

The terms for which the directors shall serve, and the method of election of directors, shall be as stated in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII REGISTERED AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered agent of the corporation is 6315 SE U S Highway 301, Hawthorne, FL 32640. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address, who is authorized to receive service of process is J & S Accounting and Tax.

#### **ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Wallace F. Russell, incorporator, 21923 SE 67<sup>th</sup> Place, Hawthorne, FL 32640 has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

#### **ARTICLE IX DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' COMPENSATION AND INDEMNIFICATION**

(a) Compensation. A director of the Corporation shall not receive compensation for services as a director; however, an officer of the Corporation may receive reasonable compensation for services rendered to the Corporation as an officer, without regard to whether he or she is also a director. This paragraph shall not preclude reimbursement of a director, officer, or duly appointed committee member for expenses or advances made for the Corporation that are reasonable in character and amount and approved for payment in the manner provided by the bylaws. This paragraph shall not preclude payment of

reasonable compensation to a director, officer, or duly appointed committee member for services rendered to the Corporation in any other capacity. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Corporation shall make no payment that would constitute self dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Indemnification. Every director and officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed in connection with any proceeding or any settlement of any proceeding (including any appeal thereof) to which a director or officer may be a party or may become involved by reason of being or having been a director or officer of the Corporation, whether or not a director, or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except when the director or officer is adjudged guilty of or liable for willful misfeasance or willful malfeasance in the performance of duties; provided that in the event of a settlement before entry of judgment, the indemnification shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled by law. Appropriate liability insurance may be provided for every officer, director and agent of the Corporation in amounts determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(c) Interest of Directors and Officers in Contracts. Any contract, whether for compensation or otherwise, or other transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the Corporation and any firm of which one or more of its directors or officers are shareholders, partners or employees, or in which they are interested, or between the Corporation and any corporation, association, or partnership of which one or more of its directors or officers are shareholders, members, directors, officers, partners, or employees, or in which they are interested, shall be valid for all purposes, notwithstanding the presence of such director or directors, officer, or officers, at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation which acts upon or in reference to such contract or transaction and notwithstanding his or their participation in such action, if the fact of such interest shall be disclosed or known in writing to the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors shall, nevertheless, authorize, approve, and ratify such contract or transaction by vote of majority of the directors present. Such interested director or directors, officer or officers shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present but shall not be counted in calculating the majority of such quorum necessary to carry such vote. This section shall not be construed to invalidate any contract or other transaction which would otherwise be valid under the common and statutory law applicable thereto.

## **ARTICLE X MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation shall have one or more members. A designation of the class or classes of members, and the qualifications and rights of the members of each class, and the names of the initial member or members, shall be set forth in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE XI  
DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE**

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State.

**ARTICLE XII  
CHARITABLE LIMITATIONS**

This corporation shall not engage in any activities prohibited by Section 617.0835 of the Florida Statutes, or by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, the directors or officers of the Corporation, or to any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered (i) to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the Corporation, and (ii) to make payments and distributions to persons who are qualified to receive same in furtherance of the Corporation's charitable purposes as set forth herein. All of the net earnings and assets of the Corporation shall be expended for the purposes stated in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; except that, in the event the Corporation makes an election under Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, such activities may be carried on to the extent permitted pursuant to that section. 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.

In the event that, and for so long as, the Corporation is characterized as a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation:

Shall distribute its income for each taxable year such time and in such manner as not to become subject tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942;

Shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined 4941 (a)

Shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c)

Shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944; and

Shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d)

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3).

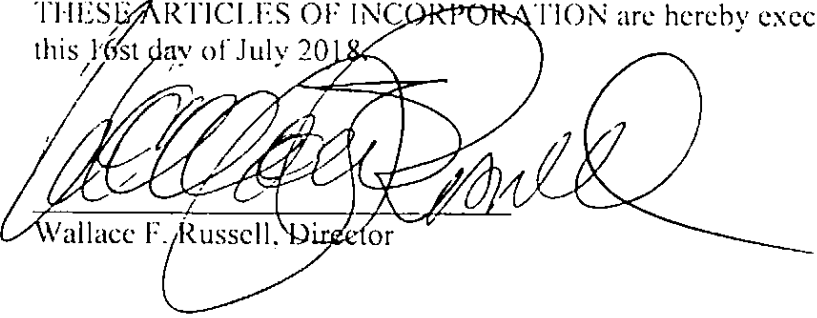
**ARTICLE XIII  
DISPOSITION OF ASSETS**

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation pursuant to Florida Statutes, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation by transferring such assets to such organizations which are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) as are engaged in activities of the type described in Article IV above, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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 XIV  
AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws of the Corporation shall be vested in the directors in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.

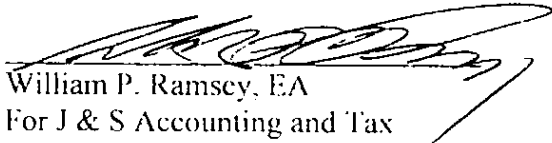
THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION are hereby executed by this incorporator  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.

  
Wallace F. Russell, Director



**REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT**

I hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for HAWTHORNE AREA  
RESOURCE CENTER, INC., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation.

  
William P. Ramsey, EA  
For J & S Accounting and Tax

07-18-18  
Date