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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

#### BE THE LIGHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.

#### A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized exclusively for general educational, charitableand scientific purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporation's Not For Profit Law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes.

### ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of the Corporation is: BE THE LIGHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. The street address of the initial principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is: 6011 SW 82nd Street, South Miami, FL 33143.

### ARTICLE II **DURATION**

The period of duration of this Corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of State.

# ARTICLE III GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific and primary purposes for which the Corporation is formed are:

It is organized, and shall at all times operate, exclusively for public "charitable uses and purposes." For purposes of these Articles of Incorporation, "charitable purposes and uses" include charitable, religious, educational, literary, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, contributions for which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

In furtherance of such purposes, the Corporation shall have full power and authority:

To acquire and administer funds and property which, after the payment of necessary expenses, shall be devoted to charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The preceding sentence shall not be construed to require the Board of Directors to distribute the principal or corpus held by the corporation;

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- To make distributions to organizations that qualify as tax exempt organizations under Sections 501(a) and 501(c)(3) of the Code;
- To make distributions to individuals for charitable purposes within the definition of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;
- To receive and accept property, whether real, personal, or mixed, by way of gift, bequest or devise, from any person, firm, trust or corporation, to be held, administered and disposed of in accordance with and pursuant to the governing instruments of the Corporation, as the same shall be amended from time to time; and
- To perform all other acts necessary or incidental to the above and to do whatever is deemed necessary, useful, advisable or conducive, directly or indirectly, as determined by the Board of Directors to carry out any of the purposes of the Corporation, as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, including the exercise of all other power and authority enjoyed by corporations generally by virtue of the provisions of the Florida Corporation's Not For Profit Law (within and subject to the limitations of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code).

#### ARTICLE IV MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members.

## ARTICLE V DIRECTORS ADMISSION

The qualification for directors and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-Laws of this Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address and city of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is 1905 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 310, Boca Raton, FL 33431 and the name of the registered agent at such address is BCRA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company.

#### ARTICLE VII MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs and any property and assets of the Corporation. It shall be the duty of the Directors to carry out the purposes and functions of the Corporation. The Directors shall be elected in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation and shall have the powers and duties set forth in these Articles of Incorporation and in the Bylaws, to the extent that such powers and duties are not inconsistent with the status

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of the Corporation as a nonprofit corporation, which is exempt from federal income taxation under Sections 501(a) and 501(c)(3) of the Code.

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(b) The initial Board of Directors will consist of not less than three (3) persons. The initial number of Directors of the Corporation shall be three (3); provided, however, that such number may be increased or decreased (but not below three) by the Board of Directors from time to time as provided in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE NATURE

This Corporation is not authorized to issue capital stock.

# ARTICLE IX EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORAITON

- A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members (if any), 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 payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in Article III hereof.
- B. No 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

# ARTICLE X DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of the Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director or officer, or to the benefit of any private individual.

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#### ARTICLE XI DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. 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 such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE XII NO VIOLATION

The Corporation will not knowingly or willfully violate any provisions of Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE XIII **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is as follows: Russell P. Love and the Incorporator's address is 201 17th Street NW, Suite 1700, Atlanta, GA 30363.

#### ARTICLE XIV INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation may indemnify and insure its Officers and Directors to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The undersigned, being the Incorporator of this Corporation for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20 day of October 2018.

### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to

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comply with the provisions of all the Statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

BCRA, LLC

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