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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION Of THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation

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The undersigned persons, acting as incorporators of a corporation not for profit under the Florida.

Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the corporation:

#### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the corporation is: Through the Open Door Association, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation.

#### ARTICLE II: DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

## ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

- A. The corporation is a not for profit corporation. The purposes for which the corporation is organized shall be to establish and maintain a not for profit, educational and charitable incorporated association for the purposes of: (i) to support and assist previously incarcerated women in acquiring affordable housing, gainful employment, medical care and such other services as they may need to ensure their success in returning to society and becoming a valued member of their community; (ii) to evaluate the needs of women who are in the post incarceration re-entry process and to direct them to appropriate organizations to meet their needs; (iii) to assist and educate women in the post incarceration re-entry process in acquiring further education and/or in preparing a business plan while working toward a successful future as responsible and productive citizens.
- B. The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such educational and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under that code.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; and shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:
  - (1) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any further United States Internal Revenue Law; or

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(2) 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 further United States Internal Revenue law.

#### ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS

The sole class of members of this corporation shall be comprised of individuals who join this corporation to support and work toward accomplishing the purposes as set forth above in Article III. The qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, and other rights and privileges of members shall be as regulated in the By-Laws and may include assessments of annual dues. The members of this corporation shall have no right, title or interest whatsoever in its income, property or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property, or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this corporation. Members of this corporation shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the corporation, and shall not be subject to any assessments to pay the debts, liabilities or obligations of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V: SUBSCRIBERS

The name and residence address of each incorporator are:

Name: Address:

Charlene B. Pillot 1267 2nd Street

Sarasota, FL 34236

Richard D. Saba 2033 Main Street, Suite 400

Sarasota, FL 34237

#### ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The original number of directors shall be not less than five (5) and may be expanded to such greater odd number as may be determined from time to time by the bylaws of the corporation.

The directors shall be elected by the Members at the annual meeting of the Members in the manner stated in the bylaws of the corporation and shall serve for a term of three (3) years and until the qualification of their successors in office. The terms of directors shall be phased so that as nearly as possible forty percent (40%) of the directors shall have terms expiring and be elected each year. The names and addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

Charlene B. Pillot Sheila Nemes

1267 2<sup>nd</sup> Street 2525 Gulf of Mexico Dr #2F Sarasota, FL 34236 Longboat Key, FL 34228

Teresa Walker Bernadette Azai
226 Rio Terra 6645 Pineview Terrace
Venice, FL 34285 Bradenton, FL 34203

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Laurie Etter 5044 Marshfield Road Sarasota, FL 34235

## ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed initially by the following officers: President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be prescribed in the By-Laws. Each officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting. The powers, duties and terms of office of all officers and methods of filling vacancies in office shall be prescribed in the By-Laws. Each officer shall perform the duties of the office until a successor has been elected.

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election under the By-Laws are:

President: Vice President:

Charlene B. Pillot

Vice Preside Secretary:
Treasurer:

Laurie Etter Sheila Nemes

Bernadette Azai

## ARTICLE VIII: BY-LAWS

By-Laws of the corporation may be adopted or amended by the Board of Directors of the corporation at any annual meeting or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Board of Directors of the corporation at any annual meeting or special meeting by a three fifths vote of the members present.

# ARTICLE X: PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address and mailing address of the initial principal office of the corporation are:

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 19104

Sarasota, FL 34276

Street Address:

1267 2nd Street

Sarasota, FL 34236

The name of the initial registered agent is Richard D. Saba, Esquire, 2033 Main Street, Suite 400, Sarasota, FL 34237.

## ARTICLE XI: DISPOSITION UPON DISSOLUTION

On the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the

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objects and purposes herein set forth, all the property and assets of the corporation remaining after the Board of Directors has paid or made provisions for the payment of all of the debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to such nonprofit, tax exempt charitable corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any federal tax code then in effect, fund(s), foundation(s) or corporation(s) that is or are organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational or scientific purposes as may be selected by the Board of Directors of this corporation so that the properties and assets of this corporation shall then be used for, and devoted to, the purposes of carrying on the objects and work of this corporation. In no way shall any of the assets or property of this corporation, or proceeds of any of the assets or property, in the event of a dissolution, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sums subscribed, donated or contributed by such members or for any other purposes.

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the incorporators this 11 day of December, 2018.

Richard D. Saha

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the county and state aforesaid, to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Charlene B. Pillot, who produced by Jees License as identification and Richard D. Saba, who is personally known to me and executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the county and state named above this \ day of December, 2018.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

(Affix notary

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## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OF DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuant of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said act.

FIRST: That Through the Open Door Association, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at 1267 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Sarasota, FL 34236, has named as its agent to accept service of process within this state:

Richard D. Saba, Esquire 2033 Main Street, Suite 400 Sarasota, Florida 34237

Through the Open Door Association, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation

Charlene B. Pillot

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said act relative to keeping open said office.

Richard D. Saba, P.A.