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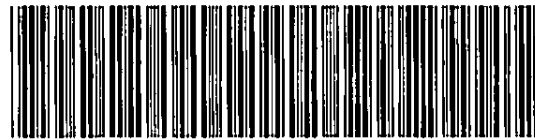
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Division of Corporations

April 1, 2019

MICHELLE MASCARDO-CARRENO  
2746 SW 24 STREET  
MIAMI, FL 33145

SUBJECT: PARAMASHIVA HINDU TEMPLE, FLORIDA  
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We have received your document for PARAMASHIVA HINDU TEMPLE, FLORIDA and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name must contain a word that will clearly indicate that it is a corporation. This word may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Nithyanandeshwara Paramashiva Hindu Temple, Florida  
(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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Filing Fee

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& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Michelle Mascardo-Carreno  
Name (Printed or typed)

2746 SW 24 Street

Address

Miami, Florida 33145

City, State & Zip

(786) 390-6414

Daytime Telephone number

ma.nirishvara@nithyananda.org

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

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Articles of Incorporation

Article I - Name

The name of the corporation is Nithyanandeshwara Paramashiva Hindu Temple, Florida Inc. (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

Article II - Principal Place of Business

The Corporation has a principal place of business. The street and mailing address is:  
2746 SW 24th Street  
Miami, Florida 33145

Article III - Purpose

1. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively to benefit religious, scientific, literary, educational, or other charitable organizations around the world, and to further religious, scientific, literary, educational, or other charitable purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended (the "Code"), and which purpose can include but not limited to:
  - a. Establish the spiritual, religious, cultural and social legitimacy of Sanatana Hindu Dharma due to the fact that Hindus are among the most persecuted religious groups around the world. Once flourishing in 56 countries covering present day lands like India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Cambodia and as far East as Bali, Indonesia, today there is no country which they can call their own. Nepal was the last nation lost to Hinduism in 2015. Around the globe, including in India, Hindus are being violently persecuted. For 800 years under Moghul and British rule Hindu temples, scriptures, organization and social structures have been systematically destroyed. Even after Independence, Hindus especially those from indigenous minority groups, have been persecuted in India. For example millions of Kashmir Shaivites

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have been killed, raped or driven out of Kashmir in the last 30 years and Hindu Gurus have been systematically persecuted. Many Hindu practices are ridiculed or banned in India. There is no place where authentic Hinduism is practiced, and Hindu education taught;

- b. Create a corporation for global representation for the diaspora who are practitioners ("Hindus") of Sanatana Hindu Dharma ("Hinduism") who desire to have a nation built on the cosmic principles as expressed in the Veda-Agamas ("scriptures") as revealed by Sri Nithyananda Swami aka His Divine Holiness Bhagawan Sri Nithyananda Paramashivam, the Ecclesiastical Head of the Corporation ("Ecclesiastic Head"); these principles include but are not limited to Oneness, blissful coexistence, non violence, prosperity and freedom;
- c. Be a collective voice of all Hindus worldwide, persecuted or otherwise;
- d. Create a home and refuge for everyone who practices or wants to practice Sanatana Hindu Dharma, including persecuted Hindus, to provide a place where they can live and practice a Hindu lifestyle, Hindu art, culture and spirituality as per the Veda-Agamas peacefully, free from denigration and persecution; the practitioners can be from any country, race, color, caste, sect, creed religion, background, gender, sexual orientation or any other differences;
- e. Work towards the restoration, protecting preserving, propagation and promoting of the sacred Vedas, Agamas and other Hindu scriptures and the Yogic sciences;
- f. Preserve, practice, promote and teach Hindu religion and Hindu way of life; promote Vedic culture such as Vedic art, architecture, yoga, meditation, music, dance and food; including conducting classes and teachers training for the above;
- g. Be the authoritative source of Hinduism and Hindu knowledge and practices; to provide support, spiritual and/or religious guidance to other countries, Hindu organizations including temples, universities, schools, Aadheenams, and ashrams as per Hindu principles as per the Ecclesiastic Head;
- h. Facilitate and collaborate with representatives of Hinduism ("Ambassadors") in other countries, representatives for regions inside

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- countries ("Sannidhanams"), Hindu organizations including temples, universities, schools, Aadheenams, and ashrams;
- i. Spearhead, monitor and nurture the worldwide Hindu renaissance; foster Hindu solidarity as a unity in diversity among all sects and lineages; inform and inspire Hindus worldwide and people interested in Hinduism, the dispelling of myths, illusions and misinformation about Hinduism;
  - j. Provide secure and managed financial support to Hindu movements, projects and individuals worldwide for initiatives including but not limited to preservation, propagation and research of Hinduism;
  - k. Help establish Hindu institutions worldwide and/or provide secure and managed financial support for construction, restoration, operation and preservation of Hindu institutions worldwide including temples, universities, schools, ashrams, Aadheenams;
  - l. Perform Hindu religious practices as mentioned in Hindu scriptures in its purest form as per the direction of the Ecclesiastical Head, including but not limited to all spiritual practices for a super conscious breakthrough;
  - m. Share with and enrich people with Hindu religious practices as mentioned in Hindu scriptures in its purest form as per the direction of the Ecclesiastical Head, including but not limited to all spiritual practices for a super conscious breakthrough as per the direction of the Ecclesiastical Head;
  - n. Promote and spread peace, love, harmony and bliss;
  - o. Conduct and provide a forum for religious worship, rituals and celebrations, and for cultural, religious, and spiritual development activities including construction of Hindu Corporations, restoration and preservation of Hindu Corporations, Hindu/Vedic ashrams, aadheenams, and monasteries around the world;
  - p. Provide Social Services to poor and those in need including but not limit to free food, disaster relief, free clothing, free education;
  - q. Provide scholarships to aspiring Hindu scholars and those interested in contributing to Hindu thought, research and spreading of Hinduism;
  - r. Support Hindu Sanyasis in their work to sharing the Hindu science of enlightenment with the planet;

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- s. Foster and support a super conscious breakthrough through the promotion, protection and teaching of sacred yogic, Hindu science, spiritual sciences for spiritual power manifestation;
  - t. Promote the aspects of Spiritual food & lifestyle, by promoting and popularizing Vedic, traditional, Saatvic & vegetarian food and their spiritual benefits and by promoting the spiritual principles and practices of preparing and serving blessed divine food including but not limited to food from the Bhaga Shastras;
  - u. Collaborate with other organizations including but not limited to other charitable organizations, educational institutions, nongovernmental organizations, governmental bodies, and for-profit entities in order to further the religious and charitable purposes of the Corporation;
  - v. Build libraries, building other suitable facilities for its activities, publishing, printing, distributing books, magazines, periodicals and other publishing activities, and any other activity reasonably designed to further its purpose;
  - w. In alignment with these objectives, sell all items related to spirituality, Hinduism and Hindu way of life including but not limited to Hindu sacred arts, sculptures (deities and murthies), temple items & paraphernalia, books, online digital information, jewelry, clothes, food.
2. The Corporation shall at all times adhere to the ecclesiastical instructions of the Ecclesiastic Head & the International Governing Body Commission of Nithyananda Dhyanaapeetam & Nithyananda Mission aka United States of Kailaasa which operate under the Supreme Ecclesiastical authority of the Ecclesiastic Head, and act in furtherance and conformity to the teachings and principles of the Ecclesiastic Head.
3. The Corporation declares its allegiance to Kailaasa and will align to the objectives and ideals of Kailaasa.
4. In furtherance thereof, the Corporation may solicit and receive contributions in the form of grants, donations, gifts, devises, bequests, and endowments for the use of the Corporation in connection with its tax-exempt purposes, and the Corporation may apply the income and principal thereof exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes mentioned in Clause 1 of Article III above, as the Board of

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Directors of the Corporation (the "Board") may from time to time determine, either directly or through contributions to other organizations.

5. To receive, sell, hold, operate, manage, and invest in property, both real and personal, tangible and intangible, for the sole end of supporting charitable purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations, including, but not limited to, those that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
6. The Corporation shall have and may exercise to the extent necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of any of the aforesaid purposes, and to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the teachings and guidance of the Ecclesiastic Head and/or the aforesaid purposes of the Corporation, any and all powers conferred upon non profit corporations by the State of Florida. upon the directors of the corporation by this certificate of incorporation are granted subject to the provisions of this Article III.

Article IV - Manner in which the Directors are elected

As stated in the bylaws.

Article V - Directors

The Corporations' initial directors are as follows:

Michelle Mascardo-Carreno, 2746 SW 24 Street, Miami, FL 33145, (786) 390 6414

Alicia Morrissey, 2746 SW 24 Street, Miami, FL 33145, (917) 226-1502

Saritha Pasupuleti, 144 Legacy Barn Trail, Apt #101, Collierville, TN 38017, (408)  
824-8350

Article VI - Registered Agent

The name and street address of the Registered Agent of the Corporation is:

Michelle Mascardo-Carreno, 2746 SW 24 Street, Miami, FL 33145

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#### Article VII - Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator of the Corporation is:

Michelle Mascardo-Carreno, 2746 SW 24 Street, Miami, FL 33145

#### Article VIII - Other Provisions 501c3 Status Clauses

It is the intention of this Corporation at all times to qualify and remain qualified as exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be from time to time amended. Accordingly:

1. The Corporation does not have the authority to issue capital stock.
2. The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation, shall inure to the benefit of any member or private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation in furtherance of one or more of its purposes as permitted under laws of the State of Florida); nor shall any of such net earnings nor any of the property or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purposes of the Corporation as aforesaid;
3. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except to the extent authorized by Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), nor shall the Corporation participate in or intervene in (by the publishing or distributing of statements or otherwise) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office; and

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4. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution, termination or winding up of the Corporation (whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law) and after the payment of just debts and liabilities, none of the property or assets of the Corporation shall be made available in any way to any private individual, corporation or other corporation organization except to the International Governing Body Commission of Nithyananda Dhyanapeetam & Nithyananda Mission (GBC), a California not for profit corporation. In the event that the GBC are not able to assume control of the property, then the property remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article IX - Other Provisions  
Additional Clauses

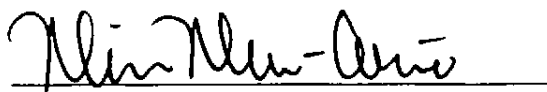
1. The directors of the Corporation shall be the members of the Corporation for all purposes. All actions, consents and approvals taken by the directors shall be and be deemed to be taken by them as the members and as the directors of the Corporation for all purposes, whether or not the specific action, consent or approval specifically references them as acting as members at the time. The Corporation shall have no shareholders.
2. The duration of the existence of the Corporation is perpetual.
3. A director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permissible under Florida law, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or (iii) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit;

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provided, however, such relief from liability shall not apply in any instance where such relief is inconsistent with any provision of the Code applicable to corporations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

4. The Corporation is authorized to indemnify the directors and officers of the Corporation to the fullest extent permissible under Florida law.
5. From time to time, and in furtherance of the purposes for which the Corporation is being organized, any of the provisions of this articles of incorporation may be amended, altered, or repealed, and other provisions authorized by the laws of the State of Florida at the time in force, may be added or inserted by a unanimous vote of the Board, and all rights at any time conferred upon the directors of the corporation by this articles of incorporation are granted subject to the provisions of Article IV.

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

9 April 2019

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.



Required Signature of Incorporator

9 April 2019

Date

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