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**FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION
A NEW DIRECTION, INC.**

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**Articles of Incorporation
A New Direction, Inc.
a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation**

The undersigned, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 617 (2018) desiring to form a Not-for-Profit Corporation under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Laws of the State of Florida, does hereby certify the following:

**Article One
Name**

The name of the Corporation shall be the A New Direction, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation (hereinafter the "Corporation").

**Article Two
Principal Office and Mailing Address**

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is at 223 West Orange Avenue, Wewahitchka, FL 32465.

**Article Three
Purpose and Charitable Statement**

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 has been organized for the specific purpose of an outreach center that is dedicated to serving and meeting an Individuals' needs to enhance their skills for every day living, as well as becoming knowledgeable of their resources that are available in their communities. We help transform the lives of Individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless, those integrating out of jail, and disadvantages youth. Our purpose is to meet their individual needs, to increase their motivation to change, and support them. A New Direction will provide shelter (transitional housing, supportive housing), transportation, food pantry, clothing closet, limited rental and utility assistance, and focus on moving forward in a direction that will bring clarity and assist in becoming self-sufficient.

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

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Article Third 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, the 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 Four
Manner of Appointment of Directors**

The directors shall be appointed as provided for in the Corporation's Bylaws.

**Article Five
Initial Officers and Directors**

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial officers and directors of the Corporation are as follows:

| Name | Title | Address |
|------------------|----------------|---|
| Tanisha N. Keith | President | P.O. Box 544 Wewahitchka, FL 32465 |
| Tiffanie Peoples | Vice President | 1016 West River Road Wewahitchka, FL 32465 |
| Marcie Murphy | Secretary | 6209 Lance Street Panama City, FL 32404 |
| Jantezla Smith | Treasurer | 223 West Orange Avenue Wewahitchka, FL 32465 |

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**Article Six
Registered Agent**

The name and address of the registered agent for the State of Florida is as follows:

Burke Blue Hutchison Smith Zimmerman Burke Henry & Masters, P.A.
ATTN: Joy Marler Masters, Esq.
221 McKenzie Avenue
Panama City, FL 32401

**Article Seven
Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator of the Corporation is as follows:

Joy Marler Masters, Esq.
221 McKenzie Avenue
Panama City, FL 32401

**Article Eight
Effective Date**

The Effective Date of the Corporation is the date of the filing of the Articles of Incorporation.

**Article Nine
Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution 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.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Joy Marler Masters, as incorporator, have hereunto subscribed my name below on this 13th day of November, 2019, and hereby affirm that all information and facts stated herein are true and correct to my knowledge and belief.



Joy Marler Masters
Incorporator

Acceptance of Registered Agent

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.

Burke Blue Hutchison Smith Zimmerman
Burke Henry & Masters, P.A.



By: Joy Marler Masters, Esq.
As Its Vice President and Secretary

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