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# Articles of Incorporation of Florida Nonprofit Corporation in Compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (Not for Profit) of

The Gordon R. Chapman Foundation, Inc.

#### ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME

The name of this corporation is The Gordon R. Chapman Foundation, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office address and mailing address of this corporation is 11940 Hermitage Drive, Plantation, FL 33325.

# ARTICLE III COPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and scientific purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

## ARTICLE IV DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE V GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

This is a nonprofit corporation, 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.

A. Board of Directors. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than (2) persons. The initial number of Directors of the corporation shall be 2 persons provided, however, that such number may be changed by a By-Law adopted by the members.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (1) year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Directors and and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of the month of December at 11940 Hermitage Drive, Plantation, FL 33325, or at any other such place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by one member of the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to the action shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting, and the the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of this corporation authorize the directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- Yelena Chapman
   11940 Hermitage Drive, Plantation, FL 33325
- Laurie Stumpo
   11980 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Plantation, FL 33325

#### ARTICLE VII EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

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 purposes set forth in Article V hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and 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 any Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE VIII 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, education, religious, or 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 1954 (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 IX AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the By-Laws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, By-Laws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new By-Laws may be

adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE X DEDICATION OF ASSETS

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

#### ARTICLE XI TAX PROVISIONS

The Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year as such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Internal Revenue Service Code Section 4942. Further, the Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 4941(d), nor retain any excess business holdings as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 4943(c), nor make any investments in such manner as to incur tax liability under Internal Revenue Code Section 4944, nor make any taxable expenditures as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 4945(d).

#### ARTICLE XII REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 105 East Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33432 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be Arthur B. D'Almeida, Esquire.

# ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote in the manner set forth in the By-Laws of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE XIV INITIAL INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the initial incorporator is Arthur B. D'Almeida, 105 East Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33432

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation to do business both within and without of the State of Florida, under the laws of Florida, does make and file this Certificate, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true, and does agree to take the number of shares hereinabove set forth and hereunto sets his hand and seal the day of Arthur B. D'Almeida Incorporator

I HEREBY ACCEPT the foregoing designation as Registered Agent outlined in Article XII.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF KAIM BEACK

Notary Public, State of Florida My Commission expires:

