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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO

of

#### GREATER BETHEL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.

(A non-profit charitable corporation)

The undersigned, the undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more acting as the incorporator of a corporation under the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the corporation:

#### ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation will be Greater Bethel Economic Development Center. Inc

## ARTICLE TWO Non-Profit

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation.

## ARTICLE THREE Duration

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE FOUR Purpose

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and medically related 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. These activities include but are not limited to:

- A. To train and equip people of character and integrity, whereby they may effectively impact the lives of others and provide for the community at large.
- B. To prepare Christian leaders for missions and other works of service; and
- C. To promote community development for needy people.

Not withstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation may not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations as they now exits or as they may hereafter be amended.

This organization is organized pursuant to the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act, and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the member thereof and is organized for non-profit purposes.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

The corporation shall have no voting members.

#### ARTICLE SIX Limitation of Powers

No part of the net earnings of the corporation inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. 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 tax code.

## ARTICLE SEVEN 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. A Court of competent Jurisdiction shall dispose of any such assets not so disposed of 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 said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE EIGHT Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation will be Greater Bethel Economic Development Center, Inc. and the initial registered agent at that address will be Shannon Hilliard.

## ARTICLE NINE Board of Directors

The first Board of Directors of the corporation shall be initially comprised of five Directors and they shall hold such position until their successors have been elected and qualified as stated by the bylaws. The board shall also consist of a chairman, who shall conduct all meetings, treasurer and secretary. The names and addresses of the Directors who will constitute its initial Board of Directors are:

Name	Address
1. Shannon Hilliard	1469 10th Court N.E. Winter Haven, FL 33881-2611
2. Keilah Hilliard	1469 10th Court N.E. Winter Haven, FL 33881-2611
3. Richard Richardson	3075 Grasslands Dr. Lakeland, FL 33803
4. Kristen Hathcock	1469 10th Court N.E. Winter Haven, FL 33881-2611
5. Kathy Crenshaw	1469 10 <sup>th</sup> Court N.E. Winter Haven, FL 33881-2611

The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment, or in the manner provided, in the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE TEN By-Laws

The by-laws of the corporation shall be adopted by its Board of Directors. The power to appeal the by-laws or to adopt new by-laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE ELEVEN

The name and address of the incorporator is: Shannon Hilliard. Address, 1469 10th Court N.E. Winter Haven, FL 33881-2611

DATED:

(signed) Sharran Hilliard

STATE OF FLORIDA

CITY OF LAKE PLACID

This instrument was acknowledged BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, on this the 3 May of Shannon Bleum Hill and

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My commission expires:

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