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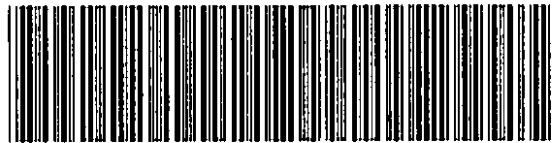
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NAME OF CORPORATION: BENJAMIN AND CHARLENE FORD FOUNDATION, INC.

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The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

CHARLENE R. FORD

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(Firm/ Company)

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(Address)

GREENACRES, FLORIDA 33413

(City/ State and Zip Code)

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

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

CHARLENE R. FORD

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:

BENJAMIN & CHARLENE FORD FOUNDATION INC

The new

name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:

NA

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

NA

(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent:

NA

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

_____, Florida _____
(City) (Zip Code)

New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:

P = President; V = Vice President; T = Treasurer; S = Secretary; D = Director; TR = Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.

Changes should be noted in the following manner - Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.

Example:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

<u>Type of Action</u> (Check One)	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:

(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

PLEASE AMEND ARTICLE III SEE ATTACHMENT A

PLEASE AMEND ARTICLE IV SEE ATTACHMENT B

PLEASE ADD ARTILCES IX & X SEE ATTACHMENT C

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: 04/05/2021, if other than the date this document was signed.

Note: If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

☒ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.

- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated 04/05/2021

Signature Charlene R Ford
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator - if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

CHARLENE R FORD Charlene R Ford
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

PRESIDENT President
(Title of person signing)

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ARTICLE III

Purpose

Section 1 – This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The Corporation may receive and administer funds for charitable, religious, literary, educational, or scientific purposes, with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to aid anyone that needs assistance in achieving a life of sustainability.

Section 2 – To the extent consistent with the above general purposes, the specific purposes of the organization will consist of but not limited to:

Our purpose is help children and families through educational and empowerment services to thrive.

Section 3 – To receive property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will;

Section 4 – To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust;

Section 5 – To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest, and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated;

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Section 6 – To enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferrable interests;

Section 7 – To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof, and affairs and attainment of the exempt purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State;

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ARTICLE IV

Manner of Election

Section 1 – The business of the organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of no fewer than three (3) and no more than nine (9) members, together with the officers of this organization. At least one of the Directors elected shall be a resident of the State of Florida and a citizen of the United States.

Section 2 – The Directors to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be chosen at the annual meeting of this organization in the same manner and style as the officers of this organization and they shall serve for a minimum term of 3 years. The completion of a 3-year term does not forfeit an officer or director from serving on the board for another term; terms are renewable.

Section 3 – The Board of Directors as well as the CEO shall have the control and management of the affairs of the business of this organization.

Section 4 – At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum shall consist of (1) more than (50%) of the total members of appointed Directors.

Section 5 – Each Director shall have one vote and such voting may be done by proxy over the phone, fax, text, or email; in addition, each director may submit their vote by absentee ballot.

Section 6 – The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine is necessary.

Section 7 – Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the term, unless indicated otherwise at the time of voting.

Section 8 – A Director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any Director. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules for this hearing and in its discretion consider what is necessary for the best interests of the organization.

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Section 9 – The President/CEO/Founder shall oversee and maintain the primary business of the organization and shall:

- a. Supervise and control the affairs of the corporation and the activities of the officers. The duties shall perform all duties and matters to the office and others duties that may be required by law and the articles of incorporation. The position shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and be a voting member.
- b. The position of President/CEO/Founder is unique and carries a lifetime term at the discretion of the CEO/Founder.
- c. If the President/CEO/Founder is no longer in office due to resignation, illness, or death the subsequent CEO will not be subject to a lifetime term or seat on the Board of Directors as a voting member.
- d. If the President/CEO/Founder becomes ill or otherwise becomes unable to perform the duties of the office due to becoming incapacitated or death, the board of directors will be responsible for selecting an interim CEO until the position is filled.
- e. At the time of such circumstances the board of directors will be responsible for hiring a new CEO.

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Article IX **Non-profit Nature**

Section 1 - Non-profit Nature

Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of **Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc.** 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 the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

Section 2 - Personal Liability

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of **Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc.** of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

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Section 3 - Dissolution

Upon termination or dissolution of **Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc.** any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of **Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc.** hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the managing body of **Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc.** and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against **Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc.** by one (1) or more of its managing body which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonably indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed, giving preference if practicable to organizations located within the State of Florida.

In the event that the court shall find that this section is applicable but that there is no qualifying organization known to it which has a charitable purpose, which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to this corporation, then the court shall direct the distribution of its assets lawfully available for distribution to the Treasurer of the State of Florida to be added to the general fund.

Section 4 - Restricted Activities

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

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Article X **Membership**

Benjamin & Charlene Ford Foundation, Inc. shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors as defined in the corporation's by laws.

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