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December 30, 2021

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

Re: Anchor of Hope Prison Ministries, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation, together with a check in the amount of \$78.75. This represents the cost of the Filing Fees, Certified Copy of Articles of Incorporation and Fee for Registered Agent Designation for the above-named corporation.

Please return the Certified Copy of Articles of Incorporation to this office (envelope enclosed).

Very truly yours,

William L. Bott, III

Enclosures

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of ANCHOR OF HOPE PRISON MINISTRIES, INC.

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I - CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is Anchor of Hope Prison Ministries, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II - DURATION

The corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to Florida law.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The corporation is organized for the purpose of engaging in various charitable activities, as described in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Specifically, the corporation shall exist for the purpose of furthering and supporting marine ecological and environmental causes, including habitat protection and creation, and responses to marine environmental disasters. In furthering its specific purpose, preference shall be given to waters located in West Central Florida specifically including Tampa Bay, and other offshore and local waters. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its shareholders, 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 charitable purposes of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or to otherwise attempt to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in 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 by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(2).

#### ARTICLE IV – MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors of the corporation are elected or appointed are described in Article VI, below, and as described in the corporation's bylaws. If any provision of Article VI and the bylaws shall conflict, the provisions of Article VI shall control.

#### ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

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

Paul C. Jensen 2001 16<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL. 33704

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### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SUCCESSORS

This corporation shall have three (3) directors initially, one person of which shall serve as the Chairman. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws but shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

William L. Bott, III 11534 Tradewinds Blvd Largo, FL 33773 Director and Chairman

Adam Lowther 9262 126<sup>th</sup> Ave Largo, FL 33773 Director

Bryan Witeof 13300 Indian Rocks Rd #1801 Largo, FL 33774 Director

If a vacancy exists in one or more positions of the Board of Directors, the method of filling such vacancy shall be made in accordance with the corporation's bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

William L. Bott, III 11534 Tradewinds Blvd Largo, FL 33773

#### ARTICLE VIII - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The corporation's principal office address shall be as follows:

2001 16<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33704

The corporation's principal mailing address shall be as follows:

PO Box 228 Largo, FL 33777

#### ARTICLE IX - DISTRUBTIONS OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

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Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all remaining assets shall be distributed and used exclusively for the purpose of engaging in the specific charitable purposes, described in Article III above, of the Corporation. 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 organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# ARTICLE X - DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME

The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Internal Revenue Code Section 4942 or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

#### ARTICLE XI – ACTS OF SELF DEALING

The Corporation will not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 4941(d) or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

#### ARTICLE XII - EXCESS BUSINESS HOLDINGS

The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 4943(c) or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

#### ARTICLE XIII - TAXABLE INVESTMENTS

The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 4944 or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

#### ARTICLE XIV - TAXABLE EXPENDITURES

The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditure as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 4945(d) or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

#### ARTICLE XV – SALARIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No salary shall be paid to any member of the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

William L. Bott, III

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, by means of physical presence, personally appeared William L. Bott, III, who provided his Florida driver's license as identification, who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who acknowledged before me that he executed these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, in the State and County aforesaid, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public State of Florida Patricia Barnhart My Commission HH 187853 Exp.10/17/2025

# CERTIFICATE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED AGENT OF ANCHOR OF HOPE PRISON MINISTRIES, INC.

Pursuant to Florida Statues Sections 48.091 and 607.0501, the following is submitted:

The above corporation, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its registered office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at:

2001 16<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33704

has named Paul C. Jensen, located at the aforesaid address, as its Registered Agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida Law in keeping open said office.

Paul C. Jensen