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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

### **State of Florida**

**In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)**

#### **ARTICLE I – Name**

The name of this Corporation shall be Monroe County Community Organizations Active in Disaster, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II – Principle office**

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located:  
181 Key Deer Blvd #110, Big Pine Key, Florida 33043

#### **ARTICLE III – Purpose**

Said 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 purpose of this Corporation is to:

Bring together nonprofit organizations, businesses, and government agencies to deliver hope and foster more effective preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery for the people of Monroe County as needed in times of disaster by adhering to the following principles.

- Cooperation: Create a climate of cooperation, promote information sharing, and convene meetings to facilitate effective service delivery throughout the disaster cycle.
- Coordination: Encourage a common understanding of the goals and work of Monroe County COAD, provide a liaison with city and county governmental officials, and coordinate resource management with the community.
- Collaboration: Work together as equal participants on shared goals and effectively use non-duplicated resources to help communities prepare for and recover from disasters.
- Communication: Develop and maintain effective channels for sharing and disseminating information among Monroe County COAD member organizations, the public, and local, state, and federal agencies.
- Preparedness: Work to increase internal organization readiness within member organizations, Monroe County COAD, and the community. Encourage effective disaster-related training, policies, and procedures

#### **ARTICLE IV – The Manner in which the Directors are elected or appointed**

The number of directors, and the method of selecting directors, shall be fixed by the Bylaws of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE V – INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

The initial directors shall be five (5) in number. The names and addresses of these initial directors are as follows:

Loretta Goetis, Treasurer  
299B Anglers Drive North  
Marathon, FL 33050

Kimberly Koch, Vice Chairman  
181 Key Deer Blvd #110  
Big Pine Key, FL 33043

Emily Nixon, Secretary  
5640 Maloney Ave  
Key West, FL 33040

Charlie Rodgers, Director  
PO Box 372486  
Key Largo, FL 33037

Phillip A Underwood, Chairman  
86450 Overseas Hwy  
Islamorada, FL 33036

#### **ARTICLE VI – INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporators of this corporation are:

Kimberly Koch, 181 Key Deer Blvd. #110, Big Pine Key FL., 33043

#### **ARTICLE VII- INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS:**

The name and Florida Street address of the registered agent is:

Kimberly Koch, 181 Key Deer Blvd. #110, Big Pine Key, FL 33043

#### **ARTICLE VIII - ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

1. 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 Article Third hereof.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

## ARTICLE IX – 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.

## ARTICLE X EFFECTIVE DATE:

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: August 1, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned, being the Incorporators of Monroe County Community Organizations Active in Disasters, Inc.  
executed these Articles of Incorporation on the 1st Day of August 2022.

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

  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

  
Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

  
Required Signature of Incorporator

  
Date

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