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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BUILDING HOPE, INC.

A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT

In order to form a corporation in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state of Florida for the formation of corporations not for profit, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned incorporator designates the following Articles for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter mentioned:

ARTICLE I

1.01. **CORPORATION NAME**. The name of this corporation is: BUILDING HOPE, INC.

ARTICLE II

2.01. <u>TERM OF EXISTENCE</u>. The period of the duration of the existence of this corporation will be perpetual and shall commence at the time of filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State.

ARTICLE III

- 3.01. <u>PURPOSES AND RESTRICTIONS</u>. The restrictions on the corporation's operations are as follows:
- (a) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, and humanitarian purposes consistent with the requirements for qualification as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) (hereinafter, "the Code"), and for such other purposes as are consistent with its maintaining qualification as an exempt organization under Code section 501(c)(3).
- (b) The corporation shall restrict its operations to the promotion of charitable, educational, religious, and humanitarian purposes as described above within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the corporation shall take no action inconsistent with the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.
- (c) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall 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 furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

The purposes of the corporation are as follows:

- (i) To provide, on a nonprofit basis, housing for low-income families and households displaced from urban renewal areas as a result of government action, natural disaster, or inadequate housing alternatives;
- (ii) To acquire, develop, construct, maintain, own, operate, lease or sell real properties which provide affordable housing to low-income families, senior adults, children, handicapped or disabled individuals, and other individuals;
- (iii) To improve housing for low-income families, senior adults, and persons with disabilities through new construction and renovation of existing housing;
- (iv) To increase access to affordable housing, free from discrimination and subject to high standards of ethics and accountability;
- (v) To provide senior adults with housing facilities and services specifically designed to meet their physical, social and psychological needs, and to promote their health, security, happiness and usefulness in longer living, at rates predicated on a nonprofit budget;
- (vi) To serve as managing member or partner in entities providing low-income housing alternatives consistent with the purposes of the corporation;
- (vii) To do and perform all acts reasonably necessary to operate the properties and to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation, including, without limitation, the execution of a Regulatory Agreement with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and such other instruments and undertakings as may be necessary to enable the Corporation to secure the benefits of financing with the assistance of mortgage insurance under the provisions of the National Housing Act, or qualify the project for low-income housing tax credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, if necessary or applicable;
- (viii) To borrow money and issue evidence of indebtedness in the furtherance of any and all of the objects of its business, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge, or other lien on the Corporation's properties;
- (ix) To perform all acts reasonably necessary to accomplish its exempt purposes, including, without limitation, the execution of all contracts, agreements, leases and other instruments incidental to the ownership of its properties and facilities;
- (x) To distribute excess revenues to other charities qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code; and
 - (xi) To otherwise enhance the charitable purposes and pursuits of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV

4.01. NONSTOCK CORPORATION. This corporation is organized on a nonstock basis without the issuance of shares of stock evidencing ownership.

ARTICLE V

5.01. REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE. The initial Registered Agent and the street address of the initial Registered Office of the corporation in the state of Florida shall be:

Anita Hassell 3100 University Blvd., South Suite 121 Jacksonville, Florida 32216

ARTICLE VI

6.01. **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**. The street address of the initial principal office of the corporation in the state of Florida is:

3100 University Blvd., South Suite 121 Jacksonville, Florida 32216

ARTICLE VII

7.01. **DIRECTORS**. The powers, business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with these Articles and the Bylaws. The corporation initially shall have three (3) directors. The number of directors may be increased or deceased from time to time by amendment to the Bylaws but there shall at all times be at least three (3) directors. The method of electing the directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

8.01. **INCORPORATOR**. The name and street address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

Anita Hassell 3100 University Blvd., South Suite 121 Jacksonville, Florida 32216

ARTICLE IX

9.01. MEMBERSHIP. The sole member of the corporation shall be Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation.

<u>ARTICLE X</u>

10.01 <u>DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION</u>. Upon the dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall distribute the assets of the corporation to any one or more exempt organizations for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as amended, or corresponding section of any future refederal tax code.

<u>ARTICLE XI</u>

11.01. <u>AMENDMENT</u>. These Articles may be amended in the manner provided by law; provided, however, that any such amendment shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the then incumbent members of the Board of Directors, and approved by the Member.

ARTICLE XII

12.01. **BYLAWS**. The initial bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the initial Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may change, amend, adopt, or repeal the Bylaws as provided therein.

ARTICLE XIII

ON LIABILITY. This corporation shall indemnify the directors and officers of this corporation to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. No director or officer of this corporation shall be liable to this corporation or any other person for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director or officer, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act as the same exists or may hereafter be amended. Any amendment, modification, or repeal of this Article XIII shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director or officer of the corporation hereunder in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such amendment, modification, or repeal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this 200 day of September, 2022.

Anita Hassell, Incorporator

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties. In addition, the undersigned hereby acknowledges that it is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations provided for in Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes.

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Dated: September 2022