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### Articles of Incorporation of Arete Cares, Inc.

The undersigned incorporator, in order to form a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of \*1986, including its Treasury Regulations, all as amended from time to time (the "Internal Revenue Code") hereby certifies as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is Arete Cares, Inc. (the "Corporation").

#### **ARTICLE II**

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is 4800 T-Rex Avenue, Suite 350, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

#### ARTICLE III

The Corporation shall be a "domestic nonprofit corporation" as defined in Florida Statute \$617.01401 and shall not be authorized to issue capital stock.

#### ARTICLE IV

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of its governing body of the Corporation. The governing body shall be known as the Board of Directors, and individual members of the Board of Directors shall be known as directors.

#### ARTICLE V

The manner in which directors are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation (the "Bylaws").

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The initial directors of the Corporation shall be as follows:

Robert Scott Baugh	655 Atlantis Estates Way	Atlantis, FL 33462			
Meagan Mann	680 Atlantis Estates Way	Atlantis, FL 33462	<u></u>		
Evelyn Minnick	2121 Alaqua Lakes Boulevard	Longwood, FL 32779	20	NSE SE	
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#### ARTICLE VII

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The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, adopt, amend or repeal, from time to time, the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VIII

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no director shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

The Corporation is a nonprofit organization organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a means of accomplishing the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have the power to do any and all acts necessary or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects and purposes hereinabove set forth to the same extent and as fully as any natural person might or could do; provided, however, that notwithstanding any provision of these Articles of Incorporation or any provisions of applicable law to the contrary, the Corporation shall not have the power to carry on any activities that would cause the Corporation to fail to qualify, or continue to qualify, as (a) an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) an organization to which contributions are deductible under Sections 170, 2055, and 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code. The funds of the Corporation shall not be restricted in use to people of any race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status, but such funds shall be administered on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, (a) the Corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority, or engage directly or indirectly in any activity, that will or might prevent it at any time from qualifying and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes under Section 170(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; (b) no part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall be used, nor shall the Corporation be organized or operated, for purposes that are not exclusively charitable, educational, scientific, environmental, religious or



literary within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; (c) no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Corporation in any manner or to the extent (including by publication or distribution of statements) participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office; and (d) the Corporation (i) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Code; (ii) shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Corporation to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; (iii) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code; (iv) shall not make any investments in such a manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and (v) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE X

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall: (a) pay or make provision for the payment of all the Corporation's liabilities;; and (b) dispose of the Corporation's remaining assets exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation or distribute the assets to an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific, religious, or literary purposes as shall, at that time, qualify for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine; provided that none of such assets shall be distributed to any entity, fund or foundation any part of whose net earnings inures to the benefit of or is distributable to any individual or any entity for profit. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the city or county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, to be used exclusively for purposes that are charitable, educational, scientific, religious, or literary within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE XI

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter or change any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by applicable statute or provision of the Internal Revenue Code, and all rights conferred herein are granted subject to this reservation.



#### **ARTICLE XII**

The name and address of the registered agent of the Corporation (the "Registered Agent") is CT Corporation System, 1200 South Pine Island Road, Plantation, FL 33324.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is Danielle R. Furey, Esq., Associate General Counsel, Arete Advisors, LLC, 4800 T-Rex Avenue, Suite 350, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

Having been named as Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the Corporation at the place designated in these Articles, I hereby accept the appointment to serve as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

<u>Assistant Secretary of C</u> T Corporation System C T Corporation System **Registered Agent** 

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 felony of the third degree as provided for in §817.155, Florida Statutes.

Dated this <u>11</u> day of October, 2022

Danielle R. Furey, Esq. Incorporator Dated this 11th day of October, 2022

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